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I am,

Very truly yours,

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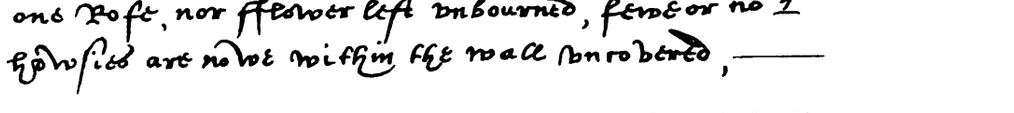

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KING RICHARD III. to the CHANCELLOR OF ENGLAND—(John Russel, Bishop of Lincoln.)

Copied from the Original in the Record Office, Tower of London.

Note.—The first part of this Letter, ending at the date "Lincoln, the 12th day of Octobre (1483)," is written by an Amanuensis. The remainder is in the hand-writing of K. Rich. III.

BY THE KING.

RIGHT reverend fadre in god right trusty and welbeloved We grete you wele. And in oure hertiest wyse thanke you for the manifolde presents that your servants on yor behalve have presented unto us at this oure being here. Whiche we assure you we toke and accepted w^t good hert. And soo we have cause. And whereas we, by godds grace entend briefly to avannce us towards our Rebelle and traytour the Duc of Bu(c)kingham to resiste and w^tstande his maliciouse purpose, as lately by other lres (letters) we certifyed you o^r mynde more at large—For whiche cause it behoveth us to have our grete sele here—We being enformed that for suche infirmities and diseases as ye susteyne ye may (*?not*) in your persone to your ease conveniently come unto us w^t the same. Wherfore we desire and nathelesse charge you that forthw^t upon the sight of thies ye saufly doo (*?cause*) the same our grete sele to be sent unto us . and suche of thoffice of o^r Channcery as by your wysedom shalbe thought necessary, Receyvyng these oure lres for your sufficient discharge in that behalfe. Geven undre oure signet at our Cite of Lincoln the 12th day of Octobre (1483)

We wolde most gladly ye came yo^rselff yf thatt ye may and yf ye may not we pray you not to fayle but to acomphyshe in all dyllygence our sayde comawndement to send oure seale incontenent apon the syght heroff—As we trust you w^t suche as ye trust and the offycers pertenyng to attend w^h hyt . prayng you to assertayne us of yor newes there — here loved be god ys all well and trewly determyned and to resyste the malysse of hym that hadde best cawse to be trewe the Duc of Bokyngame the most untrewe creature lyvyng whom w^t gods grece we shall not be long tyll that we wyll be in that partyes and subdewe hys malys—we assure you there was never falsse traytor better purvayde for as this berrer of Gloucestre shall shewe you.—

To the Right reverend fadre in god o^r right
trusty and welbeloved the Bishop of Lincoln
our Channcellor of England.

King Richard III. proc. 1483. Slain at Bosworth 1485.

* Henry Stafford Duke of Buckingham was beheaded at Shrewsbury without legal process, by the bare order of K. Rich. III. Novr. 3, 1483.

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LETTER II.

MARGARET OF LANCASTER to her Son KING HENRY VII.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My oune suet and most dere Kynge and all my worldly joy, *yn as humble maner as y can thynke y recomand me to your grace, and moste hertely beseche our lord to blesse you, and my good herte when yt ys so that the frenshe Kyng hathe at thys tyme geveyn me courteyse answer and wretyn hys lettyrs of favour to hys corte of parlyment for the breve expedicyon of my mater whyche too long hathe hangyd the whyche y well know y do the especyally for your sake, for the whyche my dere herte y lowly beseche your grace yt may plesse you to gyve hym your favourabyll lettyrs of thanks and to desyr hym to contenew hys vavours yn the same, and yeve yt soo myght leke your grace to do the same to the Cardynall whyche as y undyrstond ys your feythfull trew and lovyng servant, y wyse my very joy as y ofte have shewed, and y fortune to gete thys or eny parte therof ther shall nedyr be that or eny good y have but yt shalbe yours, and at your comandement as seurly and wt as good a wyll as eny ye have yn your coffyrs, as wuld god ye cowd know yt as veryly as y thynke yt but my der herte y wull no more encombyr your grace wt ferder wrytyng yn thys mater for y ame seure your Chapeleyn and servante doctour Whytstone hath shewed your hyghnes the cyrcomstance of the same, and yeve yt soo may plesse your grace y humbly beseche the same to yeve ferder credense also to thys berer, and our lord gyve you as longe good lyfe helthe and joy as your moste nobyll herte can desyre, wt as herty blessyngs as our lord hathe gevyn me power to gyve yow. At Colyweston the xiiii day of January, by your feythfull trew bedwoman and humble modyr

MARGARET R.

* The letter y is constantly written for i or I (capital) in this letter.

Margaret of Lancaster; born 1441, mar. Edmond Tudor Earl of Richmond; died 1509.

Note.—As a perfect letter written by King Henry VII. could not be obtained, Plate 2 is added, with the view of preserving the succession of Autographs of the Sovereigns of England. It is copied from an illuminated "Hour Book" in the British Museum, containing, amongst others, marginal notes in the hands-writing of King Henry VII., Elizabeth of York, his Queen; and Katherine of Arragon, first Queen to King Hen. VIII.

LETTER III.

KING HENRY VIII. to CARDINAL WOLSEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Myne awne good cardinall I recomande me unto you wt all my hart and thanke you for the grette payne and labour that you do dayly take in my bysynes and maters desyryng you (that wen you have well establyshyd them) to take sume pastyme and comfort (to the intente you may the longer endure to serve us) for allways payne cannott be induryd—surly you have so substancyally orderyd oure maters bothe off thys syde the see and byonde that in mye oppynion lityll or no thyng can be addyd—nevertheles accordyng to your desyre I do send

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you myne oppynyon by thys berare the refformacion wheroff I do remyte to you and the remnante off our trusty counsellers whyche I am sure wyll substantially loke on hyt—as tochying the mater that Syr Wyllyam Sāȳs broght answar off I am well contentyd w^t what order so ever you do take in itt—the quene my wyff hathe desyryd me to make har most harty recomendations to you as to hym that she lovethe very well and bothe she and I wolde knowe fayne when you wyll repayre to us—no more to you att thys tyme but that w^t gods helpe I trust we shall dysapoynte our enymys off theyre intendyd purposes—wryttyn w^t the hand off your lovyng master .

HENRY H T
(Henry Tudor.)

King Henry VIII.; born 1491, crowned 1509; died 1546.

LETTER IV.

KING JAMES V. OF SCOTLAND to King Henry VIII.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Derrest uncle We recomend us to *zow in o^r mayst hartly maner and haiv rasavit zo^r wrytyngs be zo^r trust cosello^r maist^r (*Majie*) and by the samyn wrytyngs and also hys credens we understand the perfyt loyf ze beyr on to us quhayrfor we sal stand to zow as ane troyst and guid newo (*nephew*) suld do. Derrest oncle we pray zow hartly ze be not be zo^r wrytyngs to the paypis holynes aganys the archebyschop of glasgw the quhylk was o^r preceptor and servitor and also ramanis daly on o^r parson bot o^rrar support and help hym anent the prevelege of hys kyrk of glasgw for my sayk howbeyt the archebyshop of Sanct Andros wyl wryt ane hays wrytyn, to zo^r grace aganys his exemption for I loyf glasgw quhylk is my servant bettyr as wyl schaw M^r (*magieus*) and god have zo^r grace in hys kypyng. At Edynburgh the xxviii day of may w^t my awyn hand

Zo^r nepho JAMES R.

* Z in old Scotch is used for y.

James V., father of Mary Q. of Scots; died 1542, aged 33.

LETTER V.

MARY TUDOR, QUEEN OF FRANCE, to Cardinal Wolsey.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Myn anne good lord. I recomend me to yow and thankyng yow for yor kynde and lovyng letters dyssyryng yow of yor good contenevance and good lessones that yow hathe gyffen to me my lord I pray yow as my trust ys in yow for to remembre me to the kyng my brother for sowche causses and bessynes as I have for to do, for as now I have no nother to put my trust in but the kyng my brother and yow, and as yt shall ples the kyng my brother and hys counssell I wolbe horderd and so I pray yow my lord to show hys grace seyng that the king my howsbande ys departed to god of whos sole god pardon and wher as yow ayvyse me that I shulde

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macke no promas my lord I trust the kyng my brother and yow wole not reken in me souche chyldhode. I trust I have so horderd my sellfe so sens that I came hether, that I trust yt hathe been to the honor of the kyng my brother and me sens I come hether and so I trust to contenew. yff ther be any thynge that I may do for yow I wold be glade for to do yt in thys partes I shalbe glade to do yt for yow. no more to yow at thys tyme but J.H.S. preserve yow. Wretton at pares the x day of January, (1515) by yowr lowyng frend

MARY QUENE OF FRANCE.

Mary Tudor, younger sister of King Hen. VIII.; born 1498, married 1st, K. Lewis XIII. of France, 1514; married 2d. Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, 1516; died 1533.

LETTER VI.

MARGARET TUDOR, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND, to Wolsey.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My lorde cardnal yn my most hartly *vyse I recommand me to you and voulde be glade to here from you plesyth you to vyt that I am com to edynbroth and hath bene very vell ressayved safeng the syght of my soō the kyng wysche I thynk ryght strange as thys vyl schov you my mynde at more length to vhom I pray you to gyf kredens . my good lorde next the kyng my brother my moste specyal truste is in you and ye may doo me moste good and gyf soo be that thys rawme kype not to the kyng my brother and yow thair promes I moste nedes call for helpe to hys grace and yow for I truste to reull me soo that the kyng and yow schal be content for I vyl do no thyng but I vyl axe consell at my lorde dakers and I pray yow my lorde comand hyme that he sende ofton to see how I doo and am intretyd but and ever the dwke com in scotland a gane here is no bydyng to me and thatt thys berar can schu yow no more but god have yow in hys kypeng wryten the xx day of june wyth my hand. (1517.)

yours MARGARET R.

* In this letter the letter v is generally written for w.

Margaret, elder sister of King Henry VIII.; born 1489; married 1st, King James IV. of Scotland; and 2nd, Archibald Douglas, Earl of Angus; died 1541.

LETTER VII.

Q. ANNE BOLEYN to (Cranmer?)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My lord in my most humble wise I thanke yor grace for the gyft of thys benefice for master barlo howbehit this standithe to now effecte for it is mayd for tonbrige and I wold have it if yor plesure war so for sondrig for tonbrige is in my lord my fathers gyft be a vowson that he hathe and is not woyd. I do trost that yor grace wol graunt hym sondrig and considering the payne that he hathe takyn I do thynke that it shall be vere well bestowyd and in so doyng y rekyn my selfe moche bownde to yor grace for all this that hathe takyn payne in the kynges matter it shalle be my daylle

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study to in magyn all the ways that I can devyse to do them servys and plesur and thus I make anend sendyng you a gen the letter that you sent me thankyng yor grace most humbley for the payn that you take for to wryt to me assuryng you that next the kynges letter ther is nothyng that can rejose me so moche. w^{h} the hand of her that is most bownde to be

Y^{r} most humble and
obediant servant.
ANNE BOLEYN.

my lord I be syche y^{r} grace
w^{h} all my hart to remember
the parson of honelayne for
my sake schortly.

Anne Boleyn, 2nd Q. of King Hen. VIII.; married 1533; beheaded 1536.

LETTER VIII.

QUEEN KATHERINE PARR to King Henry VIII.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Although the dysconzse of tyme and accompte of dayes nether ys long nor many of your maiesties absens, yett ye wante of your presens so muche beloved and desired of me, maketh me y^{t} I can not quyetly pleasure in any thynge, untyll I here from your maiestye: the tyme ther for semeth to me very long, wythe a grette desire to know how youre hyeghnes hathe done syns your departyng hense, whose prosperyte and helthe I prefer and desyre more than myne owne. And wher as I know your Maiesties absens ys never wythe out grett respectes of thyngs most convenyent and necessary, yett love and affection compelleth me to desire your presens: And agayne the same zele and love forces me also to be best content wythe that whyche ys your wyll and pleasure: And thus love maketh me in all thynges to sett apart myne one comody^{te} and pleasure, and to embrase most joyfully hys wyll and pleasure, whom I love. God the knower of secretes can juge these wordes not to be only wrytten wythe ynke, but most truely impressed in the hart, muche more I omytte, lest I schuld seme to go aboute to prayse myself, or crave a thanke, wyche thynge to do I mynde nothyng lesse, but a playne symple relacyon of my zele and love towarde youre maiestye procedyng from the abundance of the herte, wheryn I must nedes confesse I deserve no worthye comendation, havyng suche juste occasion to do the same; I make lyke acompte wythe your maiestye, as I do wythe God for hys benefytes and gyftes heped upon me dayly, knowlegyng my self all wayes a grette detter unto hym in that I do omytt my dutye towarde hym, nott being able to recompense the leste of hys benefytes, in wyche state I am certayne and sure to dye, but yett I hope in hys gracyous acceptation of my good wyll. And even suche confydence I have in your maiestyes gentyllness, knowyng myself never to have done my dutye as was requysite and mete to suche a noble and worthye prynce, at whose handes I have founde and received so muche love and goodnes, that wythe wordes I can not expresse yt; lest I schuld be to (*too*) tedyouse unto your maiestye, I fynysche thys my scrybeled letter, comyttyng you in to the governance of the lorde w^{t} long lyf and prosperous felyate hert, and after y^{is} lyf to enioy ye kyngdome of his electe. from grenewyche.

By your maiesties humble obedyent
lovyng wyfe and sarvant
KATERYN THE QUENE KP.

Queen Katherine Parr, 6th Q. of King Henry VIII.; married 1543; died 1548.

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LETTER IX.

PRINCE EDWARD (afterwards K. EDWARD VI.) to Q. KATH. PARR,

Thanking her for her letters, and hoping he may be able in part to satisfy the good expectations of H. M. his Father and her Grace.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

LETTER X.

PRINCESS (afterwards QUEEN MARY) to the LORD HIGH ADMIRAL,

Declining to interfere respecting his suit for marriage with the Queen Dowager (Katherine Parr), "consyderyng whose wyef her grace was of late"—he hopes he will think no unkindness in her, though she "refuse to be a medler any wayes in thys matter," &c.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Queen Mary, daughter of King Henry VIII. and Katherine of Arragon; born 1517; crowned 1553; married Philip of Spain 1554; died 1558.

LETTER XI.

PRINCESS (afterwards QUEEN) ELIZABETH to the DUKE OF SOMERSET,

In favor of Catherine Ashley, because "that whatsoever she hathe done in my Lorde "Admiral's matter as concerninge the marynge of me she dide it because knowinge him to be one "of the counsel she thogth he wolde not go about any suche thinge without he had the counsels "consent therunto," &c.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

LETTER XII.

KING EDWARD VI. PRIVATE MINUTES,

Entitled "Ceirtein pointes of waighty matters to be immediately concluded on by my counsell. 18 January 1551.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

King Edward VI., son of King Henry VIII. and Queen Jane Seymour; born 1537; crowned 1547; died 1553.

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LETTER XIII.

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS to QUEEN ELIZABETH,

Complaining of not having received answers to her letters, and soliciting better treatment. In French. Dated Sheffield (1583).

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Queen Mary, daughter of King James V. of Scotland; born 1542; beheaded at Fotheringay Castle, 1587.

LETTER XIV.

QUEEN ELIZABETH to KING JAMES VI. of SCOTLAND.

Copied from the Original in the Possession of Mons. A. Donnadieu, Member of the Société de L'Histoire de France, and of the British Archælogical Association.

My very good Brother

Hit pleaseth me not a litel that my true intents without gloses or giles ar by you so gratefully taken for I am nothing of that vile disposition of suche as while thir neighbors house is or likly to be a fire wyl not only not helpe but not afourd them water to quenche the same. If any suche you have hard of toward me God graunt he remembreth hit not to *(too)* wel for them. for the Archeduke helas poore man he wischeth every body like himself except his bondes wiche without his brothers helpe he wil soon repent his Signory. I suppos that considering whos (aperte?) enemy the King of Spaine is you wyl not neglect so muche your owne honor to the world (thogh you had no peculiar love to me) as to permit his Embassator in your Land, that so causelesly persecutes suche a Princes as never harmed him. Yea suche a one as if his deceased father had beene rightly informed, did bettar merite at his hand than any prince on erthe ever did to other for wher hathe ther bene an example that any one King hathe ever denied so faire a present as the hole seventene provinces of the Lowe Countries. Yea who not only wold not have denied them but send a dousin Gentilmen to warne him of their sliding from him w^t^ offer of keeping them from the nere neigbors hands and sent treasur to pay the shaking towns fro laps, disserved I suche a recompence as many a complot bothe for my life and kingdom? Aught I not to defend and bereave him of suche weapons as might invay myselfe? he wil say I helpe Zealand and Holand from his hands tho if ether his father or himselfe wold observe suche othe as the Emperour Charles obliged himselfe and so in sequele his son I wold not have delt with others territories: but the hold this by suche covenants as not observing by thir owne grants the ar no longar bound unto them: but thogh al this wer not unknowne to him—Yet I cast suche right raisons over my shuldar and regarded thir good and have never defended them a wicked quarel and had he not mixt that gouvernment contrary to his owne lawes with the rule of Spainards al this had not neded.

Now for the warning the frenche sent you of Vesons imbassat to yow me thinkes the king your good brother hathe given you a good caveat that being a king he supposeth by that measure that you wold denye suche offers. And since nedes you wyl have my counseil I can hardly believe that being warned your own subject shall be suffred to come into your realme from suche a place to suche intent.

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Suche a prelate if he came shuld be taught a bettar leason than play so presumtius and bold a part afor he knewe your good liking therof wiche as I hope is far from your intent. So wyl his coming verefie good Mastar (*Secretarys?*) asseverations at Rome of wiche you have or now bene warned ynough. Thus you se how to fulfil your trust reposed in me wiche to infringe I never mynde. I have sincerely made patente my sinceritie and thogh not fraught w^t^ muche wisdome yet stuffed w^t^ great good wyl I hope you wyl beare w^t^ my molesting you to (*too*) long w^t^ my skraling hand, as proceding from a hart that shal ever be filled w^t^ the

Sure affection of your Loving and
frendeley sistar
ELIZABETH R.

Queen Elizabeth, daughter of King Henry VIII. and Queen Anne Boleyn; born 1533; crowned 1558; died 1602.

LETTER XV.

KING JAMES VI. OF SCOTLAND to QUEEN ELIZABETH,

Requesting her to discountenance and to proceed against Bothwell and other Conspirators. Dated Edinburgh, July 5, 1592.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

LETTER XVI.

KING JAMES I. to the DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM,

Expressing grief at his absence, and earnestly desiring his return. He requests that none may see his letter, and that the Duke will not answer it. (1623.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

King James I., son of Lord Darnley and Mary Queen of Scots; born 1556; married Anne of Denmark; crowned King James VI. of Scotland 1579, King James I. of England, 1603; died 1625.

LETTER XVII.

PRINCE HENRY to his Father KING JAMES I.

With a list of some persons recommended to be made Knights of the Bath, and requesting leave to go to Chatham with the Duke of Brunswick to see the Ships.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Prince Henry Frederick Stuart, eldest Son of James I.; born 1593, died 1612.

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LETTER XVIII.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH to her Father KING JAMES I.,

Telling him that the Baron de Dona will state to him the particulars of the misfortune which has compelled her husband and herself to leave Prague, and requesting his assistance to prevent their ruin. She is resolved never to quit her husband; but should he perish, to perish with him. (In French.) Probable date, 1620.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Elizabeth, eldest daughter of King James I.; born 1596; married Frederick, afterwards King of Bohemia, 1612; died 1661.

LETTER XIX.

KING CHARLES I. to his Son PRINCE CHARLES.

Orders his son when in danger of falling into the rebels' hands to convey himself under the care of his mother, whose command he is to observe in all things except religion, wherein he was to be under the direction of the Bishop of Salisbury. (1645.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

King Charles I., 3rd Son of King James I.; born 1600; married Henrietta Maria of France 1625; beheaded 1648.

LETTER XX.

KING CHARLES I. to his Nephew PRINCE MAURICE,

Upon dismissing the Prince's brother Rupert from all charge in the army, and sending him abroad for his unhandsome quitting the Castle and Fort of Bristol through the seduction of some "rotten-headed villains." (1645.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

LETTER XXI.

KING CHARLES II. to the Chancellor LORD CLARENDON.

That he would counsel Brodericke not to meddle any more with Lady Castlemaine's affairs——wishes himself may be "unhappy in this world and in the world to come if he fail in the least degree of that "he has resolved, which is of making Lady Castlemaine of his wife's bedchamber," &c.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

King Charles II., born 1630; crowned 1660; married Catherine of Braganza 1662; died 1685.

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LETTER XXII.

KING CHARLES II. to the Chancellor LORD CLARENDON,

Concerning the insolent conduct of Sir Harry Vane; that he is too dangerous to let live, &c. One week after the date of this letter, (June 7, 1662,) Sir Harry Vane was beheaded.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

LETTER XXIII.

JAMES, DUKE OF YORK (afterwards King James II.) to PRINCE RUPERT,

Wishing him a "continuance of fair weather, and that the winds may do him no more hurt than De Ruyter has done to him, and that he and the fleet may be safe at home before the Michaelmas flaws come." Dated August 20, 1673.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

James Stuart, 2nd Son of Charles I.; born 1633; crowned King James II. 1684; abdicated 1689; died 1701.

LETTER XXIV.

KING WILLIAM III. to * * * *,

On the subject of his Queen's illness; the Physicians' opinions, and the state of his mind on the occasion. Dated 1694-5.

Original (in French) in the Collection of Mons. A. Donnadieu.

William, Prince of Orange, born 1650; married Princess Mary, daughter of King James II.; crowned King William III. 1689; died 1702.

LETTER XXV.

QUEEN ANNE to LORD OXFORD,

Congratulating him on his recovery. Political arrangements. She doubts if Mr. Prior's (the Poet's) "birth will entitle him to the situation of Envoy, and the Secretary to the Embassy is filled," &c.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Queen Anne, 2nd daughter of King James II.; born 1664; married Prince George of Denmark; crowned 1702; died 1714.

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LETTER XXVI.

GEORGE LOUIS, ELECTOR OF HANOVER (afterwards KING GEORGE I.) to * * * *.

A letter of kindness, and expressive of interest in the welfare of the son of the person to whom it is addressed.

Original (in French) in the British Museum.

King George I.; born 1660; crowned 1714; died 1727.

LETTER XXVII.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS, ELECTOR OF HANOVER (afterwards KING GEORGE II.), to LORD HALIFAX.

Acknowledging obligations. The demolition of Dunkirk as favorable to England as hurtful to France; expressing gratitude and esteem. (1709.)

Original (in French) in the British Museum.

King George II.; born 1683; crowned 1727; died 1760.

LETTER XXVIII.

KING GEORGE III. to the LORD CHAMBERLAIN (the MARQUIS OF SALISBURY).

Respecting the arrangements for the Marriage of the Prince of Wales. (1795.)

Original in the Collection of Jos. French, Esq., Windsor.

King George III., Grandson of King George II.; born 1738; crowned 1760; died 1820.

LETTERS OF EMINENT PERSONS.

LETTER XXIX.

SIR THOMAS MORE to KING HENRY VIII.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

yit may lyke yor highnes to call to yor graciouse remembraunce that at such tyme, as of that great weighty (care ?) and office of your chancellor with which so far above my meritis or qualitees able and mete therfore yor highnes had of yor incomparable goodnes honored and exalted me ye were so good and graciouse un to me as at my pore humble suit to discharge and disburden me geving me licence with yor graciouse favor to bestow the residew of my life in myn age now to come, abowt the provision for my soule in the service of god, and to be yor gracys bedisman and pray for you, it pleased yor highnes ferther to say unto me, that for the service which I byfore hadd done you,

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(which it than lyked yor goodnes far above my deserving to commend) that in eny suit that I should after have un to yor highnes, which either should concerne myn honor (that word it lyked yor highnes to use un to me) or that should perteyne un to my profit I should fynd yor highnes good and graciouse lord unto me. So is it now graciouse soverayn, that worldely honor ys the thing wherof I have resigned both the possession and the desire in the resignation of yor moost honorable office. And worldely profit I trust experience proveth and dayly more and more shall prove, that I never was very gredy theron. But now ys my most humble suit un to yor excellent highnes, partely to beseche the same, some what to tendre my pore honestie. but principally that of yor accustomed goodnis no sinistre information move yor noble grace, to have eny more distruste of my trouth and devotion toward you than I have or shall duryng my life geve the cause. For in this mater of the wykked woman of canterbery I have un to yor trusoy counsaylour Mr. Thomas Cromwell by my writing as playnly declared the trouth as I possibly can, which my declaration, of his dutie toward yor grace, and his goodnes toward me so hath I understand declared un to yor grace, in eny parte of all which my dealing, whither eny other man may peradventure put eny dowte, or move eny scrupule of suspition, that can I neither tell, nor lyeth in myn hand to lett, but un to my selfe is it not possible eny parte of my said demeanure to seme evil, the very clerenes of myn owne conscience knoweth in all the mater my mynde and entent so good. Wherfore moste graciouse soverayn I neither will nor well it can bycome me, w^{t} yor highnes to reason and argue the mater, but in my moost humble maner prostrate at yor graciouse fete I onely byseche yor maiestie w^{t} yor owne high prudence and yor accustumede goodnes consider and way the mater. And than if in yor so doing yor owne vertuouse mynde shall geve you, that notwithstanding the manifold excellent goodnes that yor graciouse highnes hath by so many maner ways used un to me, I be a wreche of such a monstrouse ingratitude as could w^{t} eny of theym all, or with eny other person living, digresse fro my bounden dutie of allegeaunce toward yor good grace, than desire I no ferther favo^{r} at yor graciouse hand, than the losse of all that ever I may best (value or esteem ?) in this world, goods, lands, and libertie, and finally my life w^{t} all, wherof the keping of eny parte un to my selfe, could never do me penyworth of pleasure, but onely shold then my recomforte be, that after my short life and yor long (which w^{t} continuall prosperite to goddys pleasure our lord for his mercy send you) I shold onys mete w^{t} yor grace agayn in hevyn, and there be mery with you. Where among myn other pleasuris this shold yet be one, that yor grace shold surely so there than, that (how so ever you take me) I am yor trew bedeman now and ever have bene, and will be till I dye, how so ever yor pleasure be to do by me. How be it if in the considering of my cause, yor high wysdome and graciouse goodnis perceve (as I veryly trust in god you shall) that I none otherwise have demeaned my selfe, than well may stand w^{t} my bounden dutie of faithfullnes toward yor roiall maiestie, than in my moste humble wise I bysech yor moste noble grace, that the knowledge of yor trew graciouse persuasion in that byhalfe, may releve the (burden ?) of my present hevynesse, conceived of the drede and fere (by that I here such a grevouse bill put by yor lerned counseile in to yo high court of parleament agaynst me) lest yor grace myght by some sinistre information be moved eny thyng to thinke the contrary. Which if yor highnes do not (as I trust in god and yor great goodnes the mater by yor awne high prudence examined and considered you will not) then in my moost humble man^{r} I besech yor highnes ferther (albe it that in respecte of my formar requeste this other thing ys very sleight) yit sith yor highnes hath here byfore of yor more habundunt goodnes heped and accumulated uppon me (though I was therto very far unwurthy) fro tyme to tyme both wurshuppe and great hono^{r} to, and sith I now have lefte of all such things, and no thing seke or desire but the life to come, and in the meane while

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pray for yor grace, it may lyke yor highnes of yor accustumed benignite somewhat to tendre my pore honestie and never suffre by the meane of such a bill put forth agaynst me eny man to take occasion here after agaynst the treuth to slawndre me. Which thyng shold yit by the perill of theire owne soulys do theym selfe more hurt than me which shall I trust settle myn harte with yor graciouse favo^{r} to depend uppon the comforte of the trouth and hope of hevyn, and not uppon the fallible opinion or sour spoken words, of light and sour changeable peple. And thus moste dredde and moste dere soverayn lord, I beseche the blessed trinite preserve yor moost noble grace both in body and soule, and all that are yor well willers, and amend all the contrary, among whome if ever I be or ever have been one, than pray I god that he may with myn open shame and destruction declare it. At my pore howse in Chelchith the fifeth day of march by the knowen rude hand of

yor moste humble and moste hevy
faithfull subguett and bedeman
THO. MORE K^{T}.

Sir Thomas More, born 1480; Chancellor 1530; beheaded 1535.

LETTER XXX.

CHARLES BRANDON, DUKE OF SUFFOLK, to King Henry VIII.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Most grasseust soffuryn lord sou et tys y^{t} I am informed dywares wayes y^{t} hall your holl counssell me lord of yourke exseppyd wyet mane addar ar clyrlle detarmenned to tympe your grace y^{t} I may edar by pat to dyth or by pat in prysson and soo to by dysstrved alas (sire?) I may say y^{t} I haw a hard forttun seying y^{t} ther was newar non of thym in trobbyll bout I was glad to helpe thym to me pour and y^{t} your grace knowes byst and nhow y^{t} I am in thys non lettyll trobyll and sorrow nhow thay ar rydy to helpe to dusstrv me bout (sire?) I care no mor bout god forgyef thym watso yewar coumes on me for I am detarmenned for (sire?) your grace es he y^{t} es me soffaryn lord and masstar, and he y^{t} has browth me op of nowth and I am your segyth and sarwant and he y^{t} has afynded your grace in brykyng me promes y^{t} I made your grace tochyng the quyen your sisstar for the wyche I wyet most youmbyll hart I wyll yeld me self unto your grases handes to doo wyet me pour bode your grasseus plyssur not fyryng the malles of thym for I know your grace of scheth natur y^{t} et can not ly in thyr pourer to caus you to dysstrv me for ther malles bout wat pounesment soewar I have I schall thanke god and your grace of et and thynke y^{t} I have wyell dessarvyed et bowth to god and your grace as knowes howar lord whoo send your grace your most honnorabyll hartie dyssear wyet long lyef and me most sorrofoll wryche your grasseus fawar wat sorro soo yewar I indur thyrfor. at mottryll the XXII day of apryell by your most youmbyll seeget and sarwant (Sire?) I bysche your grace to gyef crydynes unto me coussen (seddnay?) thes (prar?) on me byhalf.

CHARLES SUFFOLK.

Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, married Mary, sister of King Henry VIII. Died 1545.

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LETTER XXXI.

JOHN RUSSELL (afterwards 1st Earl of Bedford) to CARDINAL WOLSEY,

Acquainting him that he had shewed the King how Wolsey had examined "Fransses Phylyppes ande Vynes after the beste and gentylest maner," and "without forsse or vyolens," and that the King has read "Vynes' pystelle (epistle) wrytt hys mynde under the sayde," and that "hys mageste welle pystelle ande sende hytt to your grase," &c.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

John Russell, created Earl of Bedford, 1550; Lord High Steward, 1547; died 1554.

LETTER XXXII.

THOMAS HOWARD, EARL OF SURREY (afterwards Duke of Norfolk) to CARDINAL WOLSEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Plesith it yor grace to be advertised that this nyght at mydnyght came to me ii scotchmen myn espies w^{t} twoo letters from the quene of scotts wch yor grace shall receyve w^{t} this. And by the same yor grace may perceyve that the kyng shall not come forth and all this that the lords doth cause her to wright is only to dryve off the tyme to the intent I shuld do the les hurt and that their hole poure myght be assembled and so take their advantage upon me. and so one off myn espies hath warned me is their entent; saying the lords be in such feare off the Duc lokyng every houre for hym to arryve. that and they had layde iiii off the best off their sonnys in hostage to forsake hym. yet iff he came they wold breke their covenant. Wherefore w^{t} gods grace I shalbe doing. and w^{t} this yor grace shall receyve the copie of myn answer sent to the seid quene which she shall shew to the lords. the Chanseler went hym selff upon Saturday in edenborow and made proclamacions in thre places that all men that myght wer harmes shuld be this day redy to come forwards wherat the Frenchmen made moch joy. sewerly I feare they do moch abewse the quene. but thogh they do so w^{t} her I entende not they shall so do w^{t} me. for at the closyng hereoff I woll go to horsbak and do the most hurt I can. scribled this xxii day off September at iii a clok after mydnyght. (1523.)

Yo^{rs} most bownden

T. SURREY.

Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey, created Duke of Norfolk, 1514; Lord Treasurer and Earl Marshal; died 1524

LETTER XXXIII.

CARDINAL WOLSEY to GARDINER (afterwards Bishop of Worcester).

My owne goode mastyr Secretary aftyr my most herty recomendacons w^{t} lycke thancks for yor goodnes towards me thes shalbe to advertyse yow that I have beyn informyd by my trusty frende

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Thomas crowmwell that ye have sygnyfyd unto hym to my synguler consolacion howe that the Kyngs hyghnes movyd w^{t} pety and compassyon and of hys excellent goodness and cheryte consyderyng the lamentable condicion and stat that I stand yn hath wyllyd yow w^{t} other lords and mastyrs of hys honorable cownsell to entende to the perfyghtyng and absolvyng w^{t}out further (tract?) or delay of myn end and appoyntment and that my pardon shulde be made in the moste ample forme that my cownsell cowde devyse, for thys the kyng's most gracyous remembrance procedyng of hymsylf I accompt my sylf not onely moste bowndyn to serve and pray for the preservacion of hys moste royal maieste but also thancke god that ye have occasyon govyn unto yow to be a sollycyter and setterforthe of such thyngs as do and shall conserne my seyd ende in the makyng and compownyng wherof myn assuryd trust ys that ye wole shewe the love and affection wych ye have and bere towards me yor olde lover and frende so declaryng yor sylf therin. that the world may parceyve that by yowr good meanys the knyng ys the better goode lorde unto me and that nowe newly in maner comyng to the world ther may be suche resspect had to my poore degre olde age and longe contynuyd servys as shal be to the kyngs hygh honor and yor gret prayse and laude wych ondowttydly shal folowe yf ye extende yowr benyvolens towards me and men perceyve that by y^{r} wysdom and dexteryte I shalbe relevyd and in thys my calamyte holpyn at the reverens therfor of god myn owne goode Mr. Secretary and refugy nowe set to yor hande that I may come to a laudable ende and reposse. seyng that I may be furnyshyd aftyr suche a sorte and maner as I may ende my short tyme and lyff to the honor of Crysts churche and the prince. And besydys my dayly prayer and true hert I shal so requyte yor kyndnes as ye shal have cause to thyncke the same to be wel imployd lycke as my seyd trusty frende shal more amply shewe onto yow to whom yt may please you to geve ferme credens and lovyng andsers And I shall pray for the increase of yor honor. Wryttyn at Asher w^{t} the tremyllyng hand and hevy hert of yor assuryd lover and bedysman. (Date about 1529.)

T. CAR^{LIS} EBOR.

To the rygth honorable and my synguler
goode frende Mastyr Secretary.

Thomas Wolsey, born 1471; Archbishop of York, 1514; Lord Chancellor, and a Cardinal; died 1530.

LETTER XXXIV.

CRANMER, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, to T. Cromwell.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Right worshipful maister Crumwel after most harty comendations &c. I doubte not but you do right wel remembre that my lorde of Rochester and Master More were contented to be sworne to the acte of the kyngs succession, but not to the preamble of the same. What was the cause of thair refusal therof I am uncerten, and thay wolde by no meanes expresse the same: nevertheles it must nedis be either the diminution of the autoritie of the Busshope of Rome, or ells the reprobation of the kyngs first pretensed matrimony. But if thay do obstinatly persiste in thair opinions of the preamble, yet me semeth it sholde not be refused if thay wil be sworne to the veray acte of succession so y^{t} thay wil be sworne to mayntene the same agaynst al powers and potentates. For hereby shal be a greate

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occasion to satisfie the princesse Dowager. And the Lady Mary, which do thynke that thay sholde dampne thair sowles, if thay sholde abandon and relinquysh their astates. And not onely it sholde stoppe the mouthes of thay, but also of the emperour and other thair friends, if thay gyve as moch credence to my Lorde of Rochester and Maister More spekynge or doinge agaynst thay, as thay hitherto have done and thought y^t al other sholde have done whan thay spake and did with thay. And peradventure it sholde be a good quietacion to many other within this reaulme, if such men sholde say that the succession comprised within the said acte is good and accordynge to godds lawes. For than I thynke ther is not one within this reaulme y^t wolde ones reclayme againste it. And where as diverse persones either of a wilfulnes wil not, or of an indurate and invertible conscience can not, altre from thair opinions of the kyngs first pretensed marriage (wherin thay have ones said thair mynds, and percase have a persuasion in thair heads, y^t if thay sholde now vary therefrome thair fame and estimation were distayned for ever) or ells of the autoritie of the Busshope of Rome: yet if al the reaulme with one accorde wolde apprehende the said succession, in my jugement it is a thynge to be amplected (?) and imbraced. Which thing al though I trust surely in god y^t it shal be brought to passe, yet herunto might not a litle avayle the consent and othes of thies two persones the Busshope of Rochester and Maister Moore with thair adherentes or rather confederates. And if the Kyngs pleasure so were thair said othes myght be suppressed, but whan and where his highnes might take some comodite by the publisshynge of the same. Thus our Lorde have you ever in his conservation. From my manor at Croydon the $\frac{v}{xvii}$ day of April

Your own assured ever

THOMAS CANTUAR.

Thomas Cranmer, born 1489; Archbishop of Canterbury 1533; burnt 1555.

LETTER XXXV.

THOMAS CROMWELL (afterwards Earl of Essex) to Sir T. Wyatt.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

After my right herty comendacions I have receyved yor letters by this bearer nicolas and sett furth the maner of yor retourn at Marche next and my sun notw^t standing it is differred tyll Aprill as ye shal perceyve by the Kings letters (whose majestie ?) taketh yor diligence and active alacrite ther in good part sending you answer of his gracious pleasure in all things as by his said letters ye shal perceyve, I doubt not but ye shal deuly discharge yor duete in the setting furth thereof as ye have done hitherto. I advise you to take patiently yor abode there tyll Aprill and to send me worde what money ye shal nede to have sent unto you for I shal helpe you assuryng you that I could not see you that went and hath abyded there honestly furnished to retourn home and at the later end to retourn nedy and disfurnished I do better tender the Kings honor and esteem you better than so to suffer you to lacke. Advising you nevertheles that I think yor gentil franck hert doth moch empoverishe you; when ye have money ye are content to departe w^t it and lende it as ye did lately 200 dollars to Mr. Hobby the whiche I think had no nede of them for he had large furnishment of money at his departure hens and likwise at his retourn—we acoustum not to sende men disprovided so furre. Take hede therefore howe ye departe of suche portion as ye nede and forsee rather to be provided

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yor self then for the provision of others to leave yor self nacked. politik charite provideth not that waye. If ye shal advertise me in what sumes ye shal nede I shal tak a waye that ye shal be furnished. I require you to sollicite an answer of Themperour to tenor of the Kings letters and as shortely as ye can and as often as ye maye have oportunite to advertise his ma^{tie} amplely of all occurants. Thus fare ye hertely well. From London this xixth of January 1538.

Yo^{r} assuryd Freend

THOMAS CRUMWELL.

Thomas Cromwell, born 1490; created Earl of Essex 1539; beheaded 1540.

LETTER XXXVI.

FRANCIS HASTINGS (afterwards EARL OF HUNTINGDON) to LORD CROMWELL.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My very good lord after my moste harty comendacions thys ys to gyve your lordeship thankes for the goodnes that I have allwes founde yn you wyche can nevor bey desorvyd on my parte. but ive ther bey ony thynge yn me of an honest man your lordshypes gentylnes hathe bounde me moste hartely desyrynge your lordshyp to have me yn rememberance yn the prefermente of an abbey. And if yt were your lordshypps plesure the abbey of burten leythe very komodyously for me but that I refer to your good lordshypps plesure yn whom I putt all my truste. y^{t} sholde a bene muche more my comfortt to a bene a suter to lordshyp my selfe but that hyt hathe plesyd god to vysytt me and my howse w^{t} the meselys. so that as yett I dare not bey so bowlde to cum to your lordshyp tull I know furdar your lordshypps plesure. thus I prey god sende your lordshyp as good longe lyfe as your nobull harte wolde desyre. from stoke the xxth dey of february by your lordshypps asuryd to commande.

FRANCYS HASTYNGS.

Francis, 2nd Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon, 1544; died 1560.

LETTER XXXVII.

HUGH LATYMER (afterwards BISHOP OF WORCESTER) to * * * *.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Ryght honorable, salutem in Christo.

And syr, when I was w^{t} yor lordshype laste, you were desyrows to kno, whare you myght have good monks, I tellyd you of too, w^{t} my lord of Westmyster, I tolde nott thare names then to you but now I can. the won ys callyd Goorton, the other Clark—both bachelars of divinite, well lernyd of ryght jugment and very honeste men; the pryor of coventrie, as I here say is dede, the matter ys somewhatt entyred w^{t} the kyngs grace, and lyke to goo forward, yf you putt thertoo yor helpyng hande; I dowght nott butt my brother abbott of Westmyster, as yll as he myght spare them yett wyll forgoo them, for such a purpose, butt much the rather yf (he perceve ?) yor pleseur therin. I wold have waytyd uppon yor lordshype my selff as my dewty hade byen, butt seurly syre I doo whatt I can to able my

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selff to stande in the pulpytt uppon tewsday, I am in a fayntt werynesse on all my boody, but cheffly in the small of my backe, but I have a good nurshe—good mastresse Fatham, wych seyinge whatt casse I was in hath fachyd (*fetched*) me hoom to here owne howsse, and doth pympur me upe w^t^ all dylygence for I fere a consumption, but ytt maketh lytell matter for me, I pray god preserve your lordshype longe in helth, to all such good purposes, as god hath orderyd you too.

In master Fathams howsse

viii of Novr. H. LATYMER.

Hugh Latymer, born 1475; Abbot, and afterwards Bishop of Worcester, 1535; burnt with Cranmer, 1555.

LETTER XXXVIII.

HENRY HOWARD, EARL OF SURREY, to Lord Cobham.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My very good lord after my harty comendations this shall be most hartly desier you to advertyse me w^t^ all spede by this berar when my lord off Wynchester shall be at Callais for it wold not behove for a great thyng for his maiestis service here but y^t^ antony (*Agre?*) shuld speke w^t^ my seyd Lord before his departure wherfor I entend imediatly uppon yor advertysment to send him to my Lord w^t^ dyllygence to awayte uppon his lordship for such declaration of things as emport to his maiestis service here besechyng yow my Lord to have me hartly comended to him. Thus wishyng your lordship as well to do as my self. From Boloygne the xxth off October 1545.

Your loving cosyn

H. SURREY.

Wher as I perceyve Sir Edward Wottons son fantasyth genet geldyng off myne y^t^ standith in Callais which is blynd and ruyned I am ashamyd to gyve him but iff it pleas hym to take him till I be able to gyt him a better I shall desire him so to do.

Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey (the Poet), born 1520; attainted and beheaded, 1547.

LETTER XXXIX.

JOHN DUDLEY, EARL OF WARWICK (afterwards DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND) to Lord Paget.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Thies may be to require yor Lordschip to be vigelant and sircumspect in the matter whiche now you have in hand—perhappes the L. Chancelor and the L. Tresurer who thinkith may touche theym leste can be content that it may be wrappyd uyp in scilens and to saye yt ys not expedyent yt shold come in questyon. But god preserve our Mr. yf he sholde fayle there ys watchers enow that wold bring it in question and wold burden you and others (who now will not understand the damige) to be disceyvers of the hole body of the realme w^t^ an instrument forgyd to execute yor malicius

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meaninges mark well the words that baker yesterdaye spak in the kings presens concerning the faut yf any were must be imputyd to the Lords. well I wold wishe as well for the suerty of the Kings mat^ie is for the truth of the matter they men shold not be against the perfytt reforming of it now —specially seing yt hath byn thus farr debatyd. w^c. I rekyn even a happy thing. praying you to participate this unto my Lord privy seale. And so I comytt you bothe to the tuision of the Lord. At grenw^ch the xxii day of January 1550.

Your loveng frend

J. WARWYK.

John Dudley, born 1502; created Earl of Warwick 1547; Duke of Northumberland 1551; attainted and beheaded 1553.

LETTER XL.

WILLIAM, FIRST LORD PAGET, to * * * *.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Sir my dewtye remembred I had thought to have desired you to gyve thankes to Mr. Cofferer for his gentle liberalite towardes me which upon the sight of yor letter frankly and like hym self did not offre me tenne okes according to your request but wold nedes feoffe me w^t xxx and notw^tstanding that I knowyng my litle deserte towardes hym refused the same (not as monks and abbattes) but in good faith, ernestly and hartly. so that I perceyve your judgement of hym to be no lesse certan and assured then I have knowen it to be in many other thinges. And now considering an occasion taken from me (as I understand) whereby I myght as well have declared my dewty anempst youe bounden by manifold benifites, as in some parte have satisfied Mr. Cofferers goodnes I am not only ashamed to take his gentle offre but also afered to be accused of you as ingrate and forgetful of benifites receyved; whom I know to be vanquished of no laborious payines wherin ye may requite a kindnes. I am assured that yor leasse for the provosts house shalbe as ye wold have it although nether I nor yet any other shuld speke in it such is godds providence for youe for (as the comyn sayng is) such is your good fortune. but yet if I had gone to Cambridge so myght I have done for youe no nedeful service (I say) but only exhibited unto youe an argument of my necessary good will necessary for me and not for you. here I have a large playne to playne on but I wil not trouble youe I left one for no thing els then to herken for Mr. Provosts iourney to Cambridge and yet I here now first of it by one of Mr. Cofferers servants. I beseche you do as you be wont to do that is supply all myn insufficiency w^t yor goodnes. Fare ye wel from Drayton this saturday.

Yo^r own most bownden

WILL^M. PAGET.

William, created 1st Lord Paget 1551 (Secretary of State to King Henry VIII.); died 1563.

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LETTER XLI.

CARDINAL POLE to Queen Mary.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

A remembrance of those thyngs that yor highnes pleasure was I shold put in writing as most convenient in my pore judgment to be comuned and spoken of by yor m^{te} wyth yor counsel called to yor presence thys afternone.

Furst of al that yor ma^{te} shold put them yn remebrance of the charge the kyngs highnes gave them at hys departure wych beyng reduced to certein articles and put in writing it semeth wel if some of the lordes for ther sodden departure after the charge had not the same in writing that it were rehersed and given unto them wyth exhortation to employe al ther diligence for the dewe execution therof.

And wheras amongst other charges thys was one that those that be named in the furst parte counseleres wer al present in the courte. thys furst yor highnes may require them that they do observe. Specyelly besyde for the weyght of the mattres that be now in hand. The tyme besyde beyng so shorte after the parlament to examyn them. And that the kyngs plesure ys as the mattres be proposed in the counsell afore the furder execution of them to be ynformed therof to know hys pleasure theryn. And amongst other hys ma^{te} beyng in expestation to know the uttre resolution of the counsell tochyng those mattres that be to be intreatyd in thys parlament thys ys that yor ma^{te} loketh to have of them thys day to send wyth all spede to the kyngs kighnes.

And wheras for the dylation of the kyngs comyng yor ma^{te} thought it wel to put in consultation wether it wer better therfor to make a dilation and prorogation of the parlament to Candlemas, beyng thougt by ther opinion that for necessite of money that is to be demanded in the parlament and otherwyse can not be provided the prorogation of that shold be much dispendiose: yor ma^{te} not disaloweng ther deliberation, but consydering wyth all the gret nede of mony for to be had for the discharge of the present necessite, wych requyreth present provision of money as is for the settyng furth of the schypes, as wel for the emperers passage to Spaygne, as for the kyngs retorne and besyde thys for the payment of that is dew at calise, as for yor credyte wyth the merchants and aprochyng the day of payment: and for the dett of Irland also. Of al these it may please yor ma^{te} to know thys day of yor counsell what is don:

And bycause the most ordynarie and juste way tochyng the provision of money to pay yor highnes detts is to call yn yor owne detts. wych charge hath bene specyally committed afore, and is princypally considered and renewed in the writing the kyngs highnes left toching such affayres that hys counsel shold presently attend unto wherto ther names also that have the charge specyall therfore yor ma^{te} shal do wel thys day to charge them wyth the same that wyth al diligence they attend to the prosecution therof: gevyng them all authoryte that shal be necessary for them to make the most spedy expedition theryn. Wylling them wythall that they never let passe on weke but in the ende of the same at the lest yor ma^{te} may know specyally of that is commen yn, and that ordre is taken for the rest.

Also yf it pleasyd yor ma^{te} in generall for all mattres wych be intreatyd in the counsell wych requyre commission and execution. to gyve thys ordre that those that have had commission to execute ony mattre let never passe the weke but they ynforme the counsell what execution is made of ther

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commyssions. And that the counsel themselfs schold never begyn the entretance of new mattres the second weke but that they have enformation furst what is don in those wych wer commytted to be executed the weke afore: I thynk it shold helpe much to the spedy expedition of all causes, thys ys my pore advyse remitted al to the godly and prudent judgement of yor ma^te

(Date 1553-4.) RAYNOLD POLE.

Reginald Pole, born 1500; Cardinal in 1536; Archbishop of Canterbury 1555; died 1558.

LETTER XLII.

HENRY STUART, LORD DARNLEY, to QUEEN MARY.

A letter expressive of duty and gratitude, beautifully written, and perfectly legible. (Date 1554.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley, born 1541; married Mary Queen of Scots 1561; murdered 1567.

LETTER XLIII.

JOHN KNOX to LORD BURGHLEY.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

The spurte of wisedome, judgement and sanctification
I wishe you by Jesus Christe.

As I have no pleasure with longe writinge to troble you right honorable whose mynde I knowe to be occupiede in mosto grave matters, so labor I not with longe preface to conciliate your favors, The wch I suppose to have alreadye (howso ever the rumors brut the contrary) as it becometh one membre of Christes bodye to have of another: The contente therfore of theis my presents shalbe absolued in twoo pointes: In the former I purpose to discharge in fewe words my conscience towards you, And in the other somewhat must I speake in myn owen defence of that poore flocke of late assemblede in the most godly reformed Churche and Citty of Geneva. To you, sir, I say, that as from god you have receivede life, wisdome, honours, and this presente estate in which now ye stande so ought ye wholly to imploye the same to thadvancement of his glory, who only is the aurthor of life, and fountaine of wisedome, and who most assuredly dothe and will honor and glorifye thos yt with simple hartes do glorifye him. The which alas in times past ye have not done: But beinge overcome w^t roman Iniquity ye have followede the worlde in the way of perdicion. For unto the suppression of Christes trew enemyes, ye, to the erecting of Idolatry, and to the sheddinge of the bloode of gods deare children, have ye by silence consented and subscribed. This your horrible desertion from the truoth knowne and professed, hath god unto this day mercifully spared, yea to manes judgment he hath utterly forgotten and pardoned the same, he hath not intreated you as he hath done others of like knoweledge, whome in his angre (but yet moste justly according to theire deserte) he did shortly strike after theire desertion. But you (gilty in the same offences) hathe he spared and preservede as it were in his owen bosome

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duringe the tyme of that most myserable thraldome and nowe hathe sett you at soche liberty as the fury of godes enemyes cannot hurt you except willingly ageinst his honour ye take pleasure to conspire with them. As this benefit which ye have received is great: so must godes justice require of you a thankfull hart, for seinge yt his mercy hathe spared your beinge traytor to his majestie seinge further yt emongest your enemyis he hath preserved you; and last, seinge you worthy of hell, he hath promoted to honors and dignitye. Of you must he require (because he is just) ernest repentance for your former desertion, a hart myndfull of his mercifull providence and a will so ready to advannce his glorye, that evidently it may appeire, yt in veine you have not receivede theis graces of god. To the performance wherof, of necessitye it is that carnall wisdome, and worldly pollicye (and which both ye are bruted to be moche inclined) give place to gods simple and naked trueth. Very love compelleth me to say yt except the spirit of god purge your hart from that venyme which your yees have seene to have ben the destruction unto others, that you shall not longe escape the rewarde of dessemblers. Cale to minde what your ears harde proclaimed in the Chappell at St. James when this verse of the first psalme was entreated: Not so o wicked not so, but as the dust wiche the winde tossethe &c. And considre that now ye travell in the same way, which then they dide pleinly to speke, nowe are ye in that estate and credit, in which ye shall either comfort the sorrowfull and afflictid for righteousnes sake, or els ye shall oppugne the spirit of gode speakinge in his messingers. The comforts of thafflicted for godlines have promis of comfort in their greatest necessities. But the trooblers of gods suants (how contented so ever they appeire before the world) are thretnede, to leve their names in execration to the posterities followinge. The examples of the one and of thother, are not only evident in the scripturs, but also have ben latly manifested in Englande. And this is the conclusione of yt which to your self I say. Except that in the cause of Christes Evangell ye be founde simple, sincere, fervent, and unstaynede, ye shall taste of the same cuppe that pollitique heddes have drenke before you.

This is the thirde time that I have beggede licence to visite the houngrye and thirstye emongest you, the which if nowe be denyed as before god I have a testimonye yt so moche I speke not my self as thadvanncement of Christs and the comfort of suche whome I knowe afflicted so shall the godly understande yt Englande in refusinge me refusethe a frende howe small so ever the power be. The mighty spirit of the Lord Jesus move your hart daylye to considre your duty unto god and thestate of the Reilme in which you now serve by his appointment. From Deyepe the 10th of Aprill 1589.

Sustpectinge the former messenger to have extracted time in his Journey, I have doobled my letters by this gentleman of whose fidelity I ame fully persuadid, desiering you most effectuously by hime to signifye unto me if I may have licence only to viset the poore and dispersed flock at Berwick Newcastle and other parties in the north. I hope in gode that nothinge it shall hurt the Commen welth of Englande yt seche litlye be graunted unto me.

Yours to comaunde
in Godlines
JOHN KNOXE.

John Knox, born 1504; made Chaplain to King Edward VI. about 1549; died in Edinburgh 1572.

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LETTER XLIV.

SIR W. CECIL (afterwards LORD BURGHLEY) to QUEEN ELIZABETH.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

It may please your most excellent Ma^{ty}.

With a sorrowfull harte, and watery eies, I your poore servant and most lowlye subject, an unworthy secretary, besech your Ma^{ty} to pardon this my lowlye suite. That considering the proceding in this matter for removing of ye french owt of Scotland, doth not content your Ma^{ty}, and that I can not w^{t} my conscience gyve any contrary advise, y^{t} I may be w^{t} your Ma^{tys} favor, and clemency, be spared to intermedle therin, and this I am forced to doo of necessite. for I will never be a minister in any your Ma^{tys} service, wherunto your owne mynd shall not be agreable. for thereunto I am sworne, to be a minister of your Ma^{tys} determynations and not of myne owne, or of others though they be never so many. and on the other part to serve yor Ma^{ty} in any thyng y^{t} myself can not allow, must nedes be an unproffitable service, and so untoward, as therin I wold be loth your Ma^{ty} should be deceyved. And as for any other service, though it wer in your Ma^{tys} kytchen or Garden from the bottom of my harte I am reddy w^{t}out respect of estimation, welth, or ease, to doo your Ma^{tys} commandment to my lyves end. Wherof I wish w^{t} all my poore sorowfull hart y^{t} yor Ma^{ty} wold make some prooffe. for this I doo affirme y^{t} I have not had sence your Ma^{tys} reigne, any one dayes Joye, but in your Ma^{tys} honor and weale.

(Date 1560.) (Draught letter, no signature.)

Sir W. Cecil, born 1521; created Lord Burghley 1571; died 1598.

LETTER XLV.

EDWARD, LORD CLYNTON, to the EARL OF ESSEX.

Copied from the Original in the British Museum.

My good Lord, the newis y^{t} ar come synce your L. departeur hens is off the deth of the quene doeger of Skottland whych is wrytyn fro my L. of Norffoks grace. the lose of xxvii galleys and xxx gret ships of the kyng of Spaynes. in this voyage of trypole (tripoli) wych ar takyn by Dracout frese* leutenant to the torke (turk). The deuk of Medynasely (Medina-celi) forsyd to ffle in to a smale hold newly fortefyd in y^{se} parte by the spanyars wth vm. sodyers in his company wych ar alle y^{t} is lefte of xx m the rest slayne and takyne by the sayd Dracout frese and it is thought y^{t} for lake off vytelle the sayd Deuk of Medyna shalbe dystresed or the sucors from Spayne can come to hym. We here nothing of any conclusyion between Mr. Secretory Mr. Wottone and the french for y^{t} they ar bot now newly met. bot the lyklehod is gret of a good conclusyion very shortly. the french in leth ar in gret penewry, wych is sartenly advartesed hyther. When more shalle com to my knolayge, I wylle advertes your Lordship god grant yow long lyff in moch honor. From the corte the xviith of June, 1560.

Your L. assured to comand

E. CLYNTON.

Edward de Clynton, created Earl of Lincoln 1571; Lord High Admiral; Died 1584.

* In the year 1560 Philip II. of Spain carried war into Africa against the corsair Dragut, who had made himself "King of Tripoli."

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LETTER XLVI.

JAMES, EARL OF MURRAY, to the EARL OF BEDFORD.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Ry^{t} hororable my verrey good L. after my maist harty comendationes I trust ye brwyte of sum noble menes proceadinges against me is so far spred abrood that it hayth also teychyt yor earis. I know no merit in my self saving ye ernest affection god hayth granted me to gif to his trew worship. the guid will I beyr to ye common welthe of my cuntreyth and the intertenement of aine mutual amyte betuix boyth realmes. And seing that my single intention groundyt upon sa guid heades hayth engendred to me the perill quhairin (*wherein*) presently I and all my lyck in the realme standeyth and knowin yor good L. ernist affection joyned w^{t} syncerite to tend to ye same end, I thou^{t} it my dewtye to gif yor L. to understand the same knawinge wele that as yor good will is muche to o^{r} comfort so is yor rowme and place of pouer to perfourme the same in aine gryt part. Especially seing thai persons maist dangerous and noysum to o^{r} part doyth ly werray neyre your rowmis we wuld wish and for my awin part maist ernestly craif of yor honour to stay aff we be all means thair poueris q^{lk} (*which*) yor L. hes moyen (*has means*) bezonnd all vyeris to do. And so as matteirs sall ferther proceyd to o^{r} straytt, we may traist ferther and ferther zo^{r} L. comfort, as of ane to quhome god hayth granted to knaw the subtill dewyses of sathan against the innocent professures of ye gospell, to sturre oup ye power of ye warld against ye same, and how mony ways he can colour his interpryses. And thus not dowbting of your L. guid will, I committ zour honorable L. to the protection of god. Frome Sanctandrews ye xxii of July 1565.

Your honorable L. maist assuredly
JAMES STEWART.

James, Earl of Murray, born 1529; Regent of Scotland, 1567; shot by Hamilton, 1571.

LETTER XLVII.

EDWARD SEYMOUR, EARL OF HERTFORD, to the LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL,

On the subject of his wife's and his own long imprisonment (on account of their secret marriage), lamenting that the fine imposed on him is heavier than he can bear, and praying their lordships' intercession with her Majesty that "after the long captivity of her highness's poore kinswoman," both she and he may be released from thraldom.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Edward Seymour, married Catherine, sister of Lady Jane Grey; created Earl Hertford 1559; died 1621.

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LETTER XLVIII.

THOMAS HOWARD, FOURTH DUKE OF NORFOLK.

Reflections written by him in the Tower of London. A Paper entitled "The lamentable complaynt of my oppressyd mynde" written "by the wrechyd hand of hyme that lokyd not to have bene a lyve now in thys world. But god and her maiestyes wyll be done. Amen."

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Thomas Howard, fourth Duke of Norfolk, 1554; attainted and beheaded 1572.

LETTER XLIX.

ROBERT DUDLEY, EARL OF LEICESTER, to SECRETARY WALSINGHAM.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

I have rec^{d} yor letters by this beror who brought me also others from the K., Q. mother, and mons^{r}, whom I perceive hath conceived very good opinion of my devotyone for the furtherannce of the mariage with the Q. Ma^{ty} I have thought good to resend this beror ageyn for tho he desiered spedy dyspach. to whome I have imparted the state of that matter, wch only doth stand uppon the Artycle for Religione to wch her Ma^{t} will by no meane relent. All other artycles ar reasonable and her ma^{t} hath shewyd her demands to this Emba: and hath dyspached the same to you wch I think wilbe wth you before this. For the other point touching religyon, yf I myght advyse them there, they shuld not speake of yt at all, for soner will her ma^{t} yeald to reasone to him her self, that shall have that interest in her to be her husband, than by any contract or other declaration. And finding her ma$^{t's}$ dysposy^{n} uppon the agrement of that point to procede as she hath semed in the matter, I cannott but hope of veary good successe. wch for my parte in respect of her Ma^{ts} sewrty and hope of unyversall good to the cause of relygyon, I must wyshe well and farther the best I can according to yor advyse, whereof I thank you and am gladd to se yor consideration therof. This beror shall further declare some parte of my mynd to you for y^{t} I know him to be honest and trusty, and well devoted to her ma^{t} and the cause of religyon. Thus wth most harty comendations I bid you farewell.

In hast this vi of June.

Your assured frende

R. LEYCESTER.

Robert Dudley, born 1532; created Earl of Leicester 1564; died 1588.

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LETTER L.*

HENRY HASTINGS, EARL OF HUNTINGDON, to Lord Burghley.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Recommending a Gentleman to his favor, giving an account of the musters in Yorkshire, where the writer has found "greate numbers of talle men and all people most wyllynge and readye to serve hyr Ma^{ty}—so as yf they may have good guydes, no parte of thys realme doth breede better subiectes," &c. Dated Yorke 26th Ap^{l} 1575.

* The commencement of some of the lines in this letter are obliterated.

Henry Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon, 1560; died 1595.

LETTER LI.

SIR WILLIAM MAITLAND, of Lethington, to Lord Burghley.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My Lord the malice off o^{r} enemyes is the more increassed against us y^{t} thay have sene us randered in the Q. Ma^{ty} will, and now to seke refuge at her hyghnes hands and therfor we doubt not bot thay will go about by all meanes possible to procure o^{r} mischiefe. yea y^{t} theyr crewell mynds shall leade them to that impudency to crave o^{r} blood at her ma^{tys} hands. But whatsoever theyr malice be we can not feare y^{t} it shall take succes knowing wth how gracious a princesse we have to do wch hath geaven so many good prooffes to the world off her clemency and myld nature y^{t} we can not mistrust y^{t} the first exemple off the contrary shalbe shawen apon us we take this to be her veary naturall parcere subiectis et debellare superbos. we have randered o^{r} selffs to her Ma^{ty} wch to o^{r} owne Countreymen we wold never have done. for no extremity my^{t} have commed.—We trust her Ma^{ty} will not put us out off her hands to make any other and specially o^{r} mortall enemyes o^{r} maisters. if it will please her ma^{ty} to extend her most gracious clemency towardes us she may be as assured to have us perpetually at her devotion as any off this nation yea as any subiectes off her owne, for now wth honor we may oblish o^{r} selffs to her Ma^{ty} farthar then before we my^{t} and her Ma^{tys} benefyts will bynd us perpetually. In the caas we are in we must confess we ar off small value yet may her Ma^{ty} put us in caas y^{t} perhaps hearafter some way we wilbe able to shew her Ma^{tys} turne wth occasion being offred assuredly ther shalbe no inlake (*in-lack*) off good will. yor L. knoweth already what o^{r} request is. We pray yor L. to further it. Ther was never tyme wherin y^{r} L. friendship my^{t} stand us in soche steade, as we have oftentymes heretofore tasted theroff so we humbly pray you let it not inlake now in tyme off this o^{r} greate misery when we have more neade then avar we had whatsoaver o^{r} deservings have bene forget not yor owne good naturall if by yor L. mediation her Ma^{ty} can serve us yor L. shall have us perpetually bound to do you service. be sides y^{t} we will endeavoure o^{r} selffs to make so good caus to her Ma^{ty} y^{t} we doubt not she shall have occasion to think her benefits well bestowed. Let not the misreports off o^{r} enemyes prevaile against us. When we ar in her Ma^{tys} hands she may make off us what pleaseth her. Whatsoavar we write for o^{r} selffs we write also for my L. Home who is knowin to

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be a true and sincere gentleman and hath that reputation off all y^{t} know him both in England and Scotland. He is as well mynded as we ar and having her Ma^{tys} favor wilbe able to do her hyghnes as greate service as any subiect off Scotland, none except. We have requested yor sone to be o^{r} solistar and to report to y^{r} L. by mouth y^{t} wch in o^{r} lres we have omitted. The mater toucheth us so neare y^{t} it maketh us to trouble y^{r} L. wth no words then wer convenient and therfore we will end humbly taking o^{r} leave at y^{r} L. From (Edinburgh ?) this first of Jun^{ii}. 1573.

Yo^{r}. L. always at commandement

W. MAITLAND.

(Signed also) W. KYRKCALDY.

Sir William Maitland, Secretary of State to Mary Queen of Scots 1558; died 1573.

LETTER LII.

MATTHEW PARKER, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, to Lord Burghley.

An answer to a "sharpe message that Mr. D. Wilson saithe you willed him to sai to me concerninge certaine stranigers"—shewing how he had received at his board and relieved with money various exiled ministers of France and others, that he gives away as much as he can afford, and is "noe gatherer nor will be whatsoever they prate abroade"—he is compelled to borrow every half year before his monies come in, and excepting a little money he has to bury him, he has no superfluity, &c. (1575.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Matthew Parker, born 1504: Archbishop of Canterbury 1558; died 1575.

LETTER LIII.

PHILIP HOWARD, EARL OF ARUNDEL, to Lord Burghley.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My very good Lo. as yor Lo. great curtesye hath emboldned me to trouble you farther then otherwise I durst have presumed; so enioyned as well by your Lo. directyon, as also in fourme prescribed by yor Lo. curfull oversight of my well doinge. to write at this present unto hir Ma^{ty} I have accordingly perfourmed my bounden duty wth the conveyance of the same unto yor Lo. leavinge the consyderation of the rudness to be as well favourably weighed by yor grave judgment, as also the imperfections and errours, to be amended and supplyed by your Lo. perfytt wisdome. Thus as yor Lo. hathe bene next unto hir Ma^{ty} the cheife uphoulder of my weake and unhappy estate, so by yor singuler Favoures, beinge the more enforced thereunto, I most ernestly beseech Allmighty god to adde unto yor worthy vertewes dayly, such increase of heape of good Fortune, that this happy realme, to the comfort of all yor friends, maye many years enioye the blessed fruityon of such an excellent member.—Audley End, this last of December (1575.)

Yo^{r} L. most humble and obedient adopted Sonne

PHIL. HOWARD.

Philip Howard, Earl of Arundel, 1580; died 1595.

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LETTER LIV.

WALTER DEVEREUX, EARL OF ESSEX, to Lord Burghley.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My good Lord. I hartily thank your L. for your letters sent by this bearer to Mr. Atturney and to ye Solicitor, in furderance of my causes: but most for your sownd and grave advice to myself, wch I will follow w^t such patience as is meete for thos that are borne to any crosses though I must confese, that losse of credit and welth are grevious bourdens to such as be of our sort, that cannot retyre ourselfes out of ye eie of ye world, as men of meaner callyng may. It semith y^t her Ma^ty, by giving order for ye setellyng of my dett (the order wherof apperith under Mr. Secretaries hand) hath resolved to make this her last benefit, w^thout respect of my credit, ether heare, or in Irland, where I have published my retorne w^t such consideration as her Majesty long since by lres, yea within these 10 daies w^t gracious wordes, did give me cause to hope constantly of, but I protest that as the first cause of my going was ye publicque benefit of both nations and her ma^ts privat service, and my entencion now to go again w^t like mynd; So thoghe the same breakes of, I will wth as small misliking as so great losse of expences and my manifest dishonor, will suffer, accept thes disfavors w^t a pacient and quiet mynd, and thynk every thing equall that her ma^ty shall impose uppon me for she is my only soveraign. And as love and (duty?) have drawen me to this opinion, so in the mids of my trobles I find this a prinsipall comfort, that your L. both wisheth and adviseth me so exceding frendly and w^t draweth not your good opinion w^t ye hardnes of my fortune for wch I will allwais be thankfull to your L. The rest that sourrith my busym I referre to the bearer, being now redy to goo towards gravesend to meet w^t my L. of Oxford, of whos retorne I am hartely glad. And so wishyng your L. helth I comitt you to god. At Duresme Howse ye 17 of Aprill 1576.

Your L. most assured to commande
W. ESSEX.

Walter Devereux, created Earl of Essex 1571; died 1576.

LETTER LV.

SIR CHRISTOPHER HATTON to Lord Burghley.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

I most humbelye thank yor good L. for your honorable advertisment towchynge the comynge in of this great personage.* Hir Ma^t defferithe all hir direction for order too receve him, untill she be more fullye enformid bothe of his qualitey, and occasion of accesse. She semithe to dowght, that he departithe from his Prince as a man in displeasure because in one sentence of his lre. to hir m^st he callithe hir the refuge of the distoughlate and afflyctid. C^r Northe, my man, that brought her letters

* Albert Alasco, the Polonian.

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is not here, nether do I know wher too fynd him. I was I know not howe too learne what informacion I might give the Q. in this matter, onelye I must stay untill the retourne of my L. of Leycester and then I hope hir Ma^{t} will resolve. Hir Ma^{t} acceptithe in most gracious and good kind parte the offer of yor L. howse unto the wch altho (yet she will give us no order to laye in hir preparations) I assuredlye thynk she will com in the estere weeke; but as I learne the moore certentie, so will I redilye advertise yor good L. My L. of Oxford his cause standithe but in slow course of proceadynge to his satisfaction but yet for my owne parte I have sum better hope then heretofore wherin as a preservative we must all use patience for a while. His L. wrott too me a veary wise lre. in this case of his, the report wherof hir Mst tooke in reasonable good gracious parte. By the next messenger I will breiffeleye wright for the answere. I pray god blesse yor L. w^{t} all his heavenlye graces. From the corte at Richmond this sexth of Marche 1582.

Yo^{r} good L. most bound

CHR. HATTON.

Sir C. Hatton, Chancellor of England; died 1591.

LETTER LVI.

LORD BURGHLEY to the Earl of Leicester.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

My very good Lord I have receaved your courtess (ernest ?) lre, wherin your L. doth commend to me, y^{r} honorable (case ?) that your state and service now in hand doth requier wherof truly my Lord I do assure you no less a portion of my care and travell for many respectes, to ye furtherance of your own honor than if I war a most neare kynsman in bloode, and for ye advancement of ye action if I shuld not w^{t} all ye powers of my hart contynually both wish and work advancement therof I war to be an accursed person in ye sight of God. Consideryng ye ends of this action tend to ye Glory of God, to ye savety of ye Q. person, to ye preservation of this realme in a perpetuall quietness, wherin for my particular Interest both for myself and my posterite, I have as much interest as any of my degre. And this I pray you my L. mak a perfect accompt of me and for my doyngs. I referr ye report to Mr. Secretary, who hath this afternoon hard me in most ernest sort dell (deal) w^{t} hir Ma^{ty}, to favor and mayntane you and your action, as the only meanes at thys tyme to bryng hir to savety. From my couch in my chamber not hable to rise from it. God send your L. a spedy good pasage. —this vi of Dec. 1583.

Your L. assured as any.

W. BURGHLEY.

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LETTER LVII.

SIR PHILIP SIDNEY to Mr. Davison.

A kind letter, comforting him under his trouble, on occasion of the Earl of Leycester's unkindness to him. Dated Flushing, 14th April, 1586.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Sir Philip Sidney, born 1554, author of "Arcadia;" knighted 1582; slain at the battle of Zutphen, 1586.

LETTER LVIII.

ROBERT DEVEREUX, EARL OF ESSEX, to * * * *,

Praying that his cousin Foulke Greville's affair about a company of "Launces" may be speedily dispatched—that the Queen had said she would not have been discontented though she should dispose of the office of General of the Horse about her person, on some other—and that he was going to the Camp (at Tilbury).

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Robert Devereux, born 1567; Earl of Essex 1576; beheaded 1601.

LETTER LIX.

LORD MOUNTJOY to Queen Elizabeth,

Professing zeal for her service, particularly in the suppressing of a rebellion in Ireland. The letter ends thus: "and eff I with all thatt I have may stopp the gullfe off theas wars, by throwinge my sellfe to bee swallowed upp thearin, I shall dye a happye and a contented Curtius, and one gratius thought off yours throwen after me shall be more pretius then all the ieewells off the ladeys off Roome, but while I live O lett me live in your favor." Dated 8th June 1600.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Charles Blount, Lord Mountjoy, and Earl of Devonshire, born 1563; died 1606.

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LETTER LX.

THOMAS SACKVILLE, EARL OF DORSET, to Sir Julius Cæsar.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Mr. Chauncelour, for that the K. Matie returneth on monday next by 4 of the clok after diner and will loke for relacion of a matter that doth concern his speciall servis and in wch your assistance is also specially commanded by his ma^tie^ therfore I must pray you not to faile to be at my house betwene on and 2 in the afternoun to morow being monday. for that without you I cannot perfet that servis according to his M^s^ comanndment in that behalf. wereof I must reaquier you not to faile in no (respect ?) And so I rest,

Sonday 22 March 1606.
Dorset hous.

Your very lovinge assured frend
T. DORSET.

Thomas Sackville, 1st Lord Buckhurst and Earl of Dorset, born 1536; died 1608.

LETTER LXI.

HENRY WRIOTHESLEY, EARL OF SOUTHAMPTON, to * * * *,

Sending a Petition on behalf of certain poor men at Gosport, who had been ill used by one Winter, who, under color of being Captain of the King's pinnace, had committed divers misdemeanors, &c.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Henry Wriothesley, 3rd Earl of Southampton, 1581; died 1624.

LETTER LXII.

LADY A. SEYMOUR to the Lords of Privy Council,

On behalf of two of her servants who were lately committed to the Marshalsea prison, wherein divers persons were sick of contagious and deadly diseases; the servants being accountable for various debts and reckonings, if they should die, it would be a great prejudice to the writer and others: she begs it will please His Majesty they may be removed to some other healthful air.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

"The Lady Arabella" Stuart married William Seymour, 2nd son of the Earl of Hertford. She died in the Tower of London, 1615.

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LETTER LXIII.

SIR KENELM DIGBY to Sir Robert Cotton.

A letter of friendship and business connected with books and papers.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Sir Kenelm Digby, born 1603; died 1665.

LETTER LXIV.

SIR EDWARD CECIL (afterwards Viscount Wimbledon) to * * * *,

Alluding to the recent assassination of the French King, and the policy of supporting the Princes of Nassau in the Netherlands.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Edward Cecil, 1st Baron Cecil of Putney; created Viscount Wimbledon 1626; died 1638.

LETTER LXV.

GEORGE VILLIERS, MARQUIS (afterwards Duke) OF BUCKINGHAM, to King James I.

A very familiar letter, probably written from Madrid, where the Marquis accompanied Prince Charles on his matrimoniial embassy—giving his opinion of the Infanta of Spain in these words: "without flatterie I thinke there is not a sweeter creature in the world, babie Charles him selfe is so tuchd at the hart, that he confesses all he ever yett saw is nothinge to her," &c. (1623.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

George Villiers, born 1592; Marquis 1618: Duke of Buckingham 1623; assassinated by Felton 1629.

LETTER LXVI.

DUDLEY CARLETON, VISCOUNT DORCHESTER, to Sir R. Cotton,

Requesting of him the loan of a book of letters of Sir Thomas More and Fisher, and the perusal of such special writings in his possession, touching the Admiralty.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Dudley Carleton, born 1573; created Baron Carleton 1626; Viscount Dorchester 1628; died 1631.

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LETTER LXVII.

JOHN HAMPDEN to Sir John Eliott.

A friendly letter, commencing thus: "'Tis well for me that letters cannot blush." Apologizing for neglect of correspondence, he continues: "my only confidence is, I pleade at a barr of love, where absolutions are much more frequent than censures," &c. Dated March 21, 1631.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

John Hampden; born 1594; slain in battle 1643.

LETTER LXVIII.

THOMAS WENTWORTH, LORD STRAFFORD, to Lord Conway.

From Dublin, acquainting him that the Parliament had given supplies to his Majesty "beyond belief;" reprobating Lord Holland's opinion of him; he says, "I sweare I take myself to be farre better beloved then himself, by as many as knowe us both," &c. (1640.)

Original in the Collection of T. C. Croker, Esq.

Thomas Wentworth, Earl Strafford, 1640; beheaded 1641.

LETTER LXIX.

PRINCE RUPERT to the Marquis of Newcastle.

Dated February 18, 1643.—That he is marching from Worcester towards Shrewsbury, in order to assist him. (1643.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Prince Rupert, nephew of King Charles I.; born 1619; died 1682.

LETTER LXX.

SIR T. FAIRFAX to the Speaker of the House of Commons,

Giving an account of the Battle of Naseby. (1645.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Sir T. Fairfax, born 1611, General of the Parliamentary forces. Lord Fairfax, 1648; died 1671.

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LETTER LXXI.

OLIVER CROMWELL to General Fairfax.

An affectionate letter, exhibiting a high tone of religious feeling under a dangerous sickness. (1647.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Oliver Cromwell, born 1599; declared Protector 1653; died 1658.

LETTER LXXII.

OLIVER CROMWELL to Colonel Hacker.

A letter of remonstrance, in which he says, "truly I thinke hee that prayes and preeches best will fight best, I know nothinge will give like courage and confidence as the knowledge of God in Christ will," &c. (1650.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

LETTER LXXIII.

THOMAS BRADSHAWE to Oliver Cromwell.

A complimentary letter expressed in religious sentiments, acquainting him of the discovery of many of his enemies through the exertions of General Harrison, and that there are in London, and soon will be in Norfolk, Kent, and other places, many persons in "regimental form," united for the suppression of disturbances. (1650.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Thomas Bradshawe, born 1586; President of the Council at the Trial of King Charles I.; died 1659.

LETTER LXXIV.

RICHARD CROMWELL to his brother Henry Cromwell,

Excusing himself for not writing sooner; that his affairs are very heavy; and that he is sensible of the difficulties the Irish "souldiery are put to for want of pay, it is ill in England and Scotland, all being in very grate Arreers, yet your forces moste—our Navyes are much behinde—these with other waighty considerations hath caused us to call a Parliament," &c. (1658.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Richard, eldest son of Oliver Cromwell; retired into private life, and died 1712.

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LETTER LXXV.

LORD CLARENDON to Sir R. Atkins,

On the Solicitor General's going to Bristol to examine into the cause of riots in that city, where "malicious and seditious people take so much hearte that by all the information wee receave, ther is a greater dependance in them who wish a generall disturbance upon ther frends in and about Bristoll then in any parte of the kingdom, London excepted." He desires to see and confer with him as soon as he returns. (No date.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Edward Hyde, born 1638; Earl of Clarendon and Lord High Chancellor 1661; died 1674.

LETTER LXXVI.

WILLIAM HOWARD, VISCOUNT STAFFORD, to the Countess of Arundel,

Begging her to let her lord know he is in possession of the sword that was their great ancestor's at the battle of Flodden Field, with which there is a tradition in the family that he killed the King of Scotland, &c.

Original in possession of P. Howard, Esq., M.P., Corby Castle.

Sir William Howard, K.B.; Viscount Stafford 1640; beheaded 1678.

LETTER LXXVII.

LORD ARLINGTON to the Duke of York.

That he has just returned from the country; the satisfaction his Majesty had in the sight of the fleet; a mistaken report of the Dutch fleet being in the Downs, &c. (1673.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Henry Bennet, born 1618; created Earl of Arlington 1672; died 1685.

LETTER LXXVIII.

GEORGE VILLIERS, 2nd DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM, to the Earl of Rochester.

A curious letter, containing a page of "Simile." "The meaning of this Simile is, that if your Lordship will give mee leave, I shall imediatly wayte upon you with the best pack of Hounds that ever ran upon English grownde," &c. Dated Clifden, October 8, 1677.

Orig. Brit. Mus.

George Villiers, 2nd Duke of Buckingham, born 1627; died 1688.

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LETTER LXXIX.

JOHN LESLIE, DUKE OF ROTHES, to * * * *,

Complaining of the Chancellor's want of courtesy in despatching packets without his cognizance.

Orig. Coll. of Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

John Leslie, born 1630; Earl of Rothes 1642; Duke of Rothes and Lord High Chancellor of Scotland 1667; died 1681.

LETTER LXXX.

EARL OF MACCLESFIELD to SIR R. ATKINS.

A confidential letter of business, ending with these words: "I being a very weak brother, I apply myself to the strong, the laws and to truth, if popery and France prevail I will not be found amongst them. God bless the King and this Government by law established and avert his judgments." (1684.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Charles Gerard, created Earl of Macclesfield 1679; died 1694.

LETTER LXXXI.

JAMES BUTLER, DUKE OF ORMOND, to * * * *,

On resigning the government of Ireland, and the appointment of his successor; deprecating the changeableness of public measures; entreating the King's justice, and resolving to spend the rest of his life with as little possibility of disquiet or constraint as he can, &c. (1684.)

Orig. Coll. of Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

James Butler, born 1610; Earl of Ormond 1632; created Duke, 1681; died 1688.

LETTER LXXXII.

DUKE OF MONMOUTH to the QUEEN DOWAGER,

Entreating her compassion for him, "and that for the last King's sake," and that by her intercession his life may be spared. (1685.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

James Fitzroy, natural son of King Charles II.; born 1649; created Duke of Monmouth 1663; beheaded on Tower-hill 1685.

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LETTER LXXXIII.

MARQUIS OF HALIFAX to the LORD CHIEF BARON,

Expressing his Majesty's satisfaction of his services in the last circuit and on former occasions, with assurances of friendship and attention to his interests, &c. (1689.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Sir George Saville, born 1630; Viscount 1668; Earl 1679; Marquis of Halifax 1682; died 1695.

LETTER LXXXIV.

LORD SOMERS to * * * *,

Directing, by the Queen's authority, that examples should be made of certain seditious persons at Bath, and a stop put to "such bold affronts to the Government." (1693.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

John Somers, born 1652; created Lord Somers 1697; Lord Chancellor; died 1716.

LETTER LXXXV.

EARL OF SUNDERLAND to the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

A confidential letter; lamenting that an accident prevents his Grace from coming to town, where he is particularly wanted on some important affairs, and that he would hasten with all despatch, &c. (1708.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Charles Spencer, Earl of Sunderland, 1702; Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, K.G.; died 1722.

LETTER LXXXVI.

JAMES STUART (called "The Pretender") to the DUC DE VENDOME,

Relative to the affairs of Spain: a compliment paid to Irishmen, and thanking the Duke for his kindness to them: the "Queen's" compliments to him, and his own assurances of regard. (1710.)

Original (in French) Coll., Monsieur Donnadieu.

James Stuart, son of King James II.; died at Rome 1766.

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LETTER LXXXVII.

THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH to LORD * * * *,

On the affairs of the States of Holland and France; seeking her Majesty's sanction and the advice of his Lordship on a certain project: his desire to keep the army in the field; the backwardness of the States in sending forage for the winter; and a request for money in advance on the forage contracts. (1711.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

John Churchill, born 1650; created Duke of Marlborough 1702; died 1722.

LETTER LXXXVIII.

GILBERT BURNET, BISHOP OF SALISBURY, to * * * *,

Presenting a book for friendly criticism. He does not think worse of men for their different sentiments, but better of such as adhere to the dictates of their consciences, and wishes all would act with the same strictness and tenderness, &c. (1714-15.)

Orig. Coll., Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

Gilbert Burnet, born 1643; author of the "History of the Reformation;" Bishop of Salisbury, 1689; died 1715.

LETTER LXXXIX.

EARL OF ROCHESTER to his LADY.

A cold, unkind letter, full of taunts and acrimony. (1724.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Henry Hyde; Earl of Rochester 1711, and 4th Earl of Clarendon 1723; died 1753.

LETTER XC.

THE DUKE OF CUMBERLAND to GENERAL MORDAUNT,

Informing him that as "the Duke of Montague is not yet dead, and even some say recovering, nothing can be said with regard to his succession; yet he will not fail to mention his request to the King;" with assurances of friendship. (1748.)

Orig. Coll., Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

William Augustus, brother of King George II., Duke of Cumberland, 1708; died 1765.

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LETTER XCI.

THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE to Mr. Sharpe,

Thanking him for attention to his affairs; that his wife the Duchess is "quite in love with him," and he also has been so a great while; requesting the sale of timber, and ready money for it; and that the Duchess gives him hope of great remittances from the steward. (1756.)

Orig. Coll., Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

Thomas Pelham Holles, born 1693; Viscount Pelham 1714; Duke of Newcastle 1756; died 1768.

LETTER XCII.

SIR WILLIAM BLACKSTONE to * * * *,

Enclosing a transcript of Magna Charta, and excusing any errors in the copy, as he could not procure a writer "skilled in the hand of the times." Observations on the variations between this Charter and that of 9 Hen. III. (1756.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Sir W. Blackstone, born 1723; Judge in the Court of King's Bench 1770; died 1780.

LETTER XCIII.

THE EARL OF HARDWICKE to * * * *.

On a legal matter, in which "the Quotations in Mr. Lockart's argument are not to be relied upon for "exactness, words, and sometimes sentences, being left out, which change the sense;" and putting the right construction on the subject. (1773.)

Orig. Brit. Mus.

Philip Yorke, born 1690; Lord Chancellor 1736; Earl of Hardwicke 1754; died 1764.

LETTER XCIV.

LORD MANSFIELD to Mr. Fitzroy.

A letter of legal advice. (1773.)

Orig. Coll. of Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

William Murray, born 1705; Baron Mansfield 1756; died 1793.

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LETTER XCV.

LORD NORTH to * * * *,

Requesting advice on a point of difficulty through the difference of opinion between the Attorney and Solicitor-General with respect to the "Charter of Justice for Bengal." (1774.)

Orig. Brit. Mus. "Wilmot Papers."

Frederic, Lord North, born 1732; Earl of Guildford 1790; died 1792.

LETTER XCVI.

LORD THURLOW to Sir E. Wilmot.

A complimentary letter on the appointment of Mr. Wilmot to some office. (1778.)

Orig. Brit. Mus. "Wilmot Papers."

Edward Thurlow, created Baron Thurlow 1778; Lord High Chancellor; died 1806.

LETTER XCVII.

SIR RALPH ABERCROMBY to * * * *,

Requesting that his name may be laid before the King for a vacant regiment; that he has served upwards of thirty years; has laid out a considerable part of his small fortune in the service; and has not forty pounds a-year more than when he entered it. (1788.)

Orig. Coll. of Josiah French, Esq., Windsor.

Sir Ralph Abercromby; Lieutenant 1760; Lieutenant-Colonel 1773; Lieutenant-General 1797; Commander in Egypt 1801; slain in the battle of Alexandria, 1801.

LETTER XCVIII.

SIR WILLIAM JONES to Sir E. Wilmot.

From India. A letter of friendship. His health is good, notwithstanding the heat of climate and incessant business seven hours in the day: he rejoices that the King is well; but takes no interest in the contest of our aristocratical factions. He continues: "My party is that of the whole people; and my principles, which the law taught me, are only to be changed by a change of existence." (1789.)

Orig. Brit. Mus. "Wilmot Papers."

Sir William Jones, born 1748; Judge of the Supreme Court at Calcutta 1793; died 1794.

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LETTER XCIX.

HORACE WALPOLE to Mrs. Abingdon.

A complimentary note on Mrs. A. being at Paris without his earlier seeking her acquaintance; and another note to the same lady, inviting her to Strawberry Hill, "at the head of as large a troop as she pleases."

Orig. Brit. Mus. "Wilmot Papers."

Horace Walpole, youngest son of Sir Richard Walpole; Earl of Orford 1791; died 1797.

LETTER C.

EDMUND BURKE to T. Wilmot, Esq.

A confidential letter. A question of peace or war: his good opinion of the Duke of York. "The world has been undone by looking to experience in a case where no experience applies."—"If nothing can be done by the young, nothing can be done at all." (1795.)

Orig. Brit. Mus. "Wilmot Papers."

Edmund Burke, born 1730; died 1797.

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Running-hand Alphabet

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XVTH & XVITH CENTURIES:

Designed to facilitate the decyphering of old manuscript Letters, &c.

a. a, a, a, a, a.	n. n, n.
b. b, b, b, b.	o. o, o, o.
c. c, c, c, c, c, c.	p. p, p, p, p, p, p.
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h. h, h, h, h, h, h, h.	u or v. v, v, v, v, u.
i, j. i, i, j, j.	w. w, w, w.
k. k, k, k, k, k.	x. x, x, x.
l. l, l.	y. y, y, y, y. (often used for J initial and i medial.)
m. m, m.	z. z, z.

Contractions.

c. c (peculiar) or c̄, con. coun. com. ~ over a word signifies the omission of an m or n.

e. de, he, pe. – e final: ller. me, ne.

p. per, pe or per. pr, pre. pre. pre.

r. ner. ler. &c. pur. &c.

s. ser. The final es is frequently written thus s, as res, &c.

w. with. what. which.

y. your. the. (peculiar) if. that.

Note. The sense of difficult passages may generally be ascertained by pronouncing vowels and syllables full, open, and aloud, as they sound without regard to the orthography. In Scottish Writings the qu is used for w, as quhat for what, &c.

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y well know
for the wherfyche
r of dede yt
r advertysement
in to contrew
r yt too myght
ye cardynall
wyffyll trew
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e yete this
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ed we do good
wy do would
y thynke yt
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yn this
epelyn and
c observed your

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Margaret of Lancaster, to her son K. Henry VII. (Cott. Ms Vesp. F XIII. f. 60.)

my owne sweet and moste derre Kynge and all
my worldly joy / yn moste humble manner as I can thynke
I recomand me to your grace / and moste hertely
beseche owr lord to bless you / and my good herte
wher yt yo so that the frenshe Kynge hathe at this
tyme sewen me courteysly answer and written
his letter of favour to his cosyn of parlyament
for the lerne expedicyon of my matter wheche
too long hathe hanged the whyche I wyll know
I do the especyally for your sake / for the which
my dere herte I lowly beche the your grace yt
may plesse you to sende him your favourable
letter of thanke and to desyr him to continew
his vertuous yn the same / and yerre yt too might
lyke your grace to do the same to the cardynall
whyche do I understand yo your sythfull trew
and loyng frende / I wyse my very joy as I
ofte have observed / and I fortune to gete thy yo
any parte therof therefore shall moyr lie that or
any good I have but yt shall be your / and at
your commandement as sertenly and w do good
a wyll as any ye have yn your cofyr / do would
God ye could know yt do rerely do I thynke yo
but my dere herte I wult no more encumber
your grace w fender wrytyng yn this
matter for I dare sende your chaplyn and
frende doctour whytstone hathe observed your

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throughly the circumstance of the same / and yet doe only desire your ordre & humble beseche the
same to yeld redemyde also to thyes bearer / and our lord
your do lonte good lyfe helthe and joy do
your most noble harte can desyre / wo do
hertly blesse you as our lord hathe geven me
power to geve you / at Colynestone the xxij day
of january / by yours ~~hertlyfull~~ ever bedesman
and humble moder

Addressed 20 Jan 76

J. Nichols sc.

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King Henry VII.

Madame I pray yon to
membre me / your loyng
master /

b. 1451. cr. 1485. d. 1509.

Elizabeth of York. Q. of K. Henry VIII.

madam I pray yow forye
me - and to pray to god
that I may have grace of
your prayers

Elyzabeth the quene

b. 1465. d. 1502. 3.

Katherine of Arragon 1st Q. of K. Henry VIII.

I thinke the prayers of a frend be
most acceptable unto god and
be cause I take you for one of myn
assured I pray ~~you~~ you to remembre me
in yours

Katherina ~~Princess~~

mar. 1503. div. 1533. d. 1535 o.

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K. Henry VIII. to Wolsey. (Cott. Ms. Vesp. E.xiii. f. 71.)

Myne Lorde Myne good cardynall I recomande me unto
yow w^t all my hart and thanke yow for the grette
payne and labour that yow do ~~sustyne~~ take in my
besynes and maters desyryng yow (that yow
have well establysshed them) to take some pastyme
and comfort to the intente yow may the lenger
endure to live us/ for all wayes payne cannot be
endured/ surely yow have so substancyally ordered
our maters both off this side the Sea and by owe
that in mine opynyon litylle or no thyng can be addyd/
nevertheles accordyng to your desyre I do send yow
myne opynyon by this bearer the reformacyon
whereoff I doremyte to yow and the remnante
off our trusty counsellers whyche I am sure wylle
substantially loke on hyt/ as touchyng the mater
that sir wylliam shuys brought answer off I am
well contented w^t what order so ever yow do
take in yt/ the quene my wyffe hath desyred
me to make her most hartyly recomendacyons
to yow as to hym that she loveth very well
and bothe she and I woldye know fayne whyche
yow wylle repayre to us/ no more to yow
att this tyme but that w^t godes helpe I trust
we shall dyspoynte our enemys off their
intendyd purpose/ wrytten w^t the hand off
your loving mater

H. R.

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Dearest uncle We recommend us to you
in our most hartly maner and hais pasabis
our writings be our craft to sello maist mayie
and by the samyn writings and als bys
predecessors we wold stand the first lord sebenz
on to us unbayrfor we sal stand to you ab
and trowth and gand meno. sibi do
Dearest uncle we pray you hartly to be to be
our writings to the panyis hahnes against the
archebyschop of glasgow the quhylk Mastir
preceptor and sbirito and als Lamanis day
our parson but Ezar support and hes
help hym amet the prebeing of hys kyrkot
glasgow for my sayk robbert the archebyschop
of canotandros wyl wyt and hayt writyng to
our grace against hys Exemption for lord
glasgow quhylk is my sbame beforz/ab.
wyl schaw mayie and gud hane our grace
in hys Expyrit at edynburgh the xxiiij
day of may to my aluys hand

your nepso James R

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My name good lord I therewith me to you and thank you
for the kyndnes & loving hart ye ministrye you of yor good contenance and
and good kindnes that you hathe shewed to me my lord I pray you
do my trust yet in you for to shewe me to the kyng my brother
for suche counsell & kindnes as I have for to do / for do wele I have
no other to put my trust in but the kyng my brother & you do
and do yet I shall pray the kyng my brother & hyd counsell I wolde
herdere & so I pray you my lord to show hyd grace sayng that
the kyng my howsbande yet departed to god of whose sole god pardon
and wher do you dy wyse me that I shulde ayenst no prevaile
my lord I trust the kyng my brother & you wole not shewe me
suche displeasure / I trust I have so ordered my selfe so sen that I
came hether that I trust yet hathe been to the honor of the kyng
my brother & me sen I came hether & so I trust to continue
yet there be any thynge that I may do for you I wolde be glade
for to do yet in this parte ~~[illegible]~~ I shalbe glade to do yet for you
no more to you at this tyme but I pray you wyth my parte
the 8 day of Januyer

by your loving
frende Mary
quene of France

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Margaret Tudor Q. of Scotland, to Wolsey (Cott. Ms. Cal. B. I. f. 258.)

My lorde cardinall in my most hartly wise I
recommand me to you and vouchsafe be pleade
to here from you plesyth you to wyt that I am
com to edynbroth and hath bene very well assayned
savyng the syght of my sōne the kyng my sele I thynke
yyt strange as thys wyl show you my mynde
at more lenyth to whom I pray you to bleyf credend
my good lorde next the kyng my brother my
most specyal truste yn you and ye may doo me
most good and yyf soo be that thys same kyng
not to the kyng my brother and you that promes
I most nedes call for helpe to hys grace and
you for I trusto to serell me so that the kyng and
you schal be content for I wyll do no thyng but
I wyll aye cancell at my lorde dakers and I pray
you my lorde camand hyme that he sende ofton
to see how I doo and am intreted but and ener
the duke com in scotland a grane here yf no
hydyng to me and that thys bearer can schew you
no more but god have you in hys kyppeng wryten
the pp day of june wyth my hand

yours Margaret pp

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Q. Anne Boleyn to (Cranmer?). Cott. Ms. Vesp. F.III. f. 15 b.

My lord yn my most humble wise I thanke yr grace for the gift
of thys benefice for master barlo hath bene this standinge to
my effecte for it is mayd for troubleye and I wold fain
if yr pleasure were so for sendeing for troubleye is in my
lord my fathers oyll be a bolboy that he hathe and
is not yet wayd I do trust that yr grace wil graunt
my sendeing and ~~confirmed~~ considering the payne that he
hathe taken I do thynke that it shall be bese well bestowed
and in so doyng yt ~~shall~~ my selfe moche bounde to yr
grace for all thys that hathe taken payne in the bynges
matter it shalle be my daylle study to imagyn all the
ways that I may devise to do them suys and pleasyr
and thus I make an end sendyng you a gey the
letter that you sent me thankyng yr grace most humbly
for the payn that you take for to write to me assuryng
you that upt the bynges letter there is nothyng that
can rejoise me so moche as the hand of hys that is
most bounde to be

my lord I be seche yr grace
to all my suet to remember
the parson of sowlayne for
my sake schortly

yr most humble and
obediant servant

anne boleyn

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Nevertheyle the defaute of tyme and accompte of dayes neither ~~be~~ yf
longe nor many of your maiesties absence, yett the wante of your presence so muche
beladed and desired of me, ~~the wante therof~~ maketh me, I cay not greatly
pleasure in any thynge, but yett I here from your maiestie; the tyme ther
for seemeth to me very long, verylie agrett desire to knowe howe yours
greyces have done syns your departyng hense, whose prosperyte and
helthe I, ever and desyre more than myne owne. And wher as I
knowe your maiesties absence yo neder wryte out of rett respecte of thynges
most conveniente and necessary, yett love and affection compelleth me to
desyre your presence: And agayne the same zele and love forceth me
also to be best content verylie that, whatsoever yo your royll and pleasure: And
syns love maketh me in all thynges to bett apart myne one comodyte
and pleasure, and to embrace most joyfully yo royll and pleasure, wherin
I love. God the knower of secretes can judge these wordes not to be only
wrytten wythe ynke, but most trewelie impressed in the harte, muche more
I omytte, lest I seyned bene to go about to praise my self, or crave a
thanke, whyche thynge to do I mynde notwythstandyng lesse, but aplayne symple
relacyon of my zele and love towardes your maiestie procedyng from the a
bundance of the harte, wherynn I must needes confesse I desirde no
so worthye comendation, hadyng suche juste occasion to do the same.
I make bye acompte wythe your maiestie, as I do wythe God for yo
benefytes and gyftes redy upon me daylie, knowledgyng my best all
wayes agrette debtor unto yow in that I do omytte my dutye towardes
yow, nott being able to recompense the lesse of yo benefytes, in wythe
stande I any certeyne and true to dye; but yett I hope in your graciouse acepta
tion of my good wyll. And eche suche confidence I have in your ma
iesties gentylnes, knowyng my best neder to have done my dutye as
your respyte and mete to suche a noble and worthye prynce, as whose
handes I have found and received so muche love and kyndnes, that wythe
wordes I can not expresse yt; lest I seyned be to tedyense unto your maiestie, I
finishe this my simbelle letter, comyttyng you in to the governance of the lordes
to send yo and prosperous fellicite yere, & after yo yo to enioye the kyngdome of yo
electe. from Grenewych

by your maiesties humble
obedyent lovyng wyfe &
servant

Katerynn the Quene

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Prince Edward, afr Edw. VI. to Q. Catherine Parr. (Cott. Ms. Nero, C X. f. 4.)

Most honorable and entierly beloued mother I haue me most humbli recomended vnto your grace w^t lyke thankes, both for y^t your grace did accepte so gentylly my simple and rude letters, and also y^t it pleased your grace so gentylly to vowchsaufe to directe vnto me your louing and tendre letters, which do geue me much comfort and encouragment to go forward in such thinges wherin your grace hereafth me on hand, y^t I am alredy entered: I pray god I maie be hable in part to satisfy ye good expectation of ye kinges maiesti my father and of your grace. whom god haue euer in his most blessed keping.

Your louing sonne

E. Prince.

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Princess (aft. Queen) Mary, to Seymour, Ld. High Admiral (Lansd. Ms. 1236 f. 28.)

My lorde after my harty comendacions, theyse shalbe to declare to you, that accordyng to your acconstomed gentilnes I have receyved vj warrants from you by your servant thys berer, for the whiche I do gyve you my harty thanke, by whom also I have receyved your lettre, wherein (as me thynketh) I perceyv strange newes concernyng a sewte you have in hande to the quene for maryage, for the sure obtayneng whereof you seme to thynke, that my lettres myghte do you pleasure. My lorde in thys case, I trusste, your wysdome doth consyder, that, if it were for my nexte kynsman or dereste frend on lyve of all other creatures in the worlde, it standeth lest vs my poore honoure to be a medler in thys matter, consyderyng whose wyef her grace was of late, and besyde that, if she be mynded to graunt your sewte, my lettres shall do you but small pleasure, on the other syde, if the remembrance of the kyngs mayestye my father (whose soule god pardon) wyll not suffre her to graunt your sewte, I ame nothyng able to perswade her to forget the losse of hyme, who is as yet very fresh in myn owne remembrance. wherefore I shall moste earnestly requyre you (the premysses consydered) to thynke non unkyndnes in me, thoughe I refuse to be a medler any wayes in thys matter, assurryng you, that (noweng matters set aparte, wherein I beeng a mayde am nothyng commyng) if other wayes it shall lye in my lile power to do you playsyr, I shalbe as gladde to do it, as you to requyre it, both for hys bloddy sake, that you be of, and also for the gentylnes, whiche I have alwayes founde in you. As knoweth almyghty god to whose tuicyon I comytte you. from wansted thys saterday at nyght beeng the iiij th of June.

your assured frend
to my power Marye

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Princess (aft. Queen) Elizabeth, to the D. of Somerset. (Lansd. Ms. 1236 f. 35.)

My Lorde I haue a requeste to make vnto your grace wiche feare has made me omitte til this time for two causes, the one bicause I sawe that my request for the rumors wiche were sprede abrode of me toke so litel place wiche thinge whan I considered I thought I shulde litel profit in any other suite, howbeit now I vnderstande that ther is a proclamacion for them (for the wiche I giue your grace and the rest of the counsel most humble thankes) I am the bolder to speake for a nother thinge. And the other was bicause parauenture your Lordeship, and the rest of the counsel wil thinke that I fauor her mel doinge for whome I shal speake for, Wiche is for Kateryn Aschiley, that it wolde please your grace and the rest of the counsel to be good vnto her wiche thinge I do not to fauor her in any iuel (for that I wolde be sorye to do) but for thes consideracions wiche folowe the wiche hope doth teache me in sainge that I ought not to doute but that your grace and the rest of the counsel wil thinke that I do it for thre other consideracions, first bicause that she hathe bene with me a longe time, and manye years, and hathe taken great labor, and paine in brinkinge of me vp in lerninge and honestie, and therfore I ought of very dewtye speke for her, for Saint Gregorie sayeth that we ar more bounde to them that brinqeth us up wel than to our parents, for our parents do that wiche is natural for them, that is brinqeth us into this worlde but our brinkers up ar a cause to make us liue wel in it. The seconde is bicause I thinke that whatsoeuer she hathe done in my Lorde Admirals matter as concerninge the marynge of me she dide it bicause knowinge him to be one of the counsel she thoght he wolde not go aboute any suche thinge without he had the counsels consent therunto, for I haue harde her manye times say that she wolde neuer have me marye in any place without your Graces and the counsels consente. The thirde cause is bicause that it shal and doth make men thinke that I am not clere of the dide myselfe, but that it is pardoned in me bicause of my youthe, bicause that she I loued so wel is in suche a place. Thus hope preuailinge more with me than feare hathe wone the battel, and I haue at this time gone furth with it. Wiche I pray God be taken no other wais that it is mente, Writen in hast. Frome Hatfilde this 7 day of Marche.

Also if I may be so bolde not offendinge I beseche your grace and the rest of the counsel to be good to master Aschiley her husbode wiche bicause he is my Kinsman I wold be glad he shulde do wel.

Your assured frende to my litel power

Elizabeth

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Ceirtein pointes of waighty matters to be immediatly concluded on by my counsell. 18. Januarij. 1551.

1 The conclusion for the payment of our dettis in February next comming.

2 The matter for the Filiard to be so consideric that it may be to our profit, and wealth of our subiectis.

3 The matter for the duke of Somersetes and his confederates to be considered as apartaineth to our surety and quietnes of our realme, that by there punishement and execution according to the lawes example may be shewed to others.

4 The resolution for the bishops that be nominatid.

5 Mony for our ambassadours dietes to be sent the furthwith.

6 Se Dispaching our commissionars to Cousnes to see the state thereof.

7 Taking some order to the Londoners that they that come to our parliement may not be holly discouragid, empourished, or wcried w their attendaunce, wich order can not be well taken (as me thinketh) wtout punishing th'offendours.

8 The matter for the exchaung to be well wayed and consideric.

9 The bishop of Durhams matters to be executid according to our lawes

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Mary, Q. of Scots, to Q. Elizabeth. (Cott. Ms. Cal. B. VIII. fol. 329.)

Ma Dame ma bonne seur, iay guerde si longue silence non pour paresse ou faulte de desir de vous rammenteuoir moy & mes affayres, ou de vous fayre ouuerture qui vous fut si agreable que ie puisse par ce moyen recouurir quelque part en vostre bonne grace, mays par creinte de vous inportuner ne voiant aucun de mes lettres auuoyr cest heur de meriter responce de vous comme souuent ie lay ecrit a monsieur de la mothe ambassadeur du Roy mon sieur mon bon frere le priant fayre tant pour moy que de traduerti de ce que ie pourroys euiter ou amander en mes dittes lettres, pour les vous fayre trouuer dignes aumoingns de quelque fauorable responce : mays il ne ma donnay auqune lumiere en cela sinon toutes lesfoys quil ma cerit il me promet beaucoup de vostre bon naturel vers moy me conseillant den fayre praeuue de reschief & vous solisiter par mes lettres auuoir memoyre de moy; ce qui est cause que ie me suis enhardie de vous fayre la presente, par laquelle ie vous suppliray de me donner responce a mes resquestes precedantes & a celles que monsieur de la mothe vous a faytes de ma part, ou bien me fayre entendre comme ie me doubray gouuerner pour obtenir plus amiable traitement de vous, atendant que dieu vous inspire a mettre fin a mes longs enuitz, ou que ie puisse auuoyr subject de vous donner occasion de mestimer vostre obligee & affectionnee amye anssi bien comme ie vous suis proche parente. & pour ne vous enuiuer de trop prolixe discours ie mentreprendray pour ceste fois de particulariser dauantatage laffection que iay de vous complaire vous priant madame quà ce coup ie ne me puisse doulloir que monsieur de la mothe mayt fait entreprendre en vain de recommancer mon accoustumee façon de vous ecrire, mays que iaye plus tost occasion par vostre gracieuse & desiree responce de le remercier de son bon aduis & conceuuoir quelque esperance que vous escriuant plus amplement vne autre fois ie ne trouueray plus vostre oreille sourde a mes offres & resquestes de quoy apres vous auuoir bese les mayns ie feray humble supplication adieu quil vous doint madame en sante tres heurheuse & longue vie de Chefild ce XVI de iannuer

Vostre tres affectionnee bonne seur & cousine

Marie R

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/My very good brother/

hit pleaseth you not Lightly that my frye intents
Without Cloud or Cilid ar by you so gratifyed
takin for I am nothing of the Vile disposit
of Such as while their neighbors honor
is ordinarly to bi afrid wyl not only not
helpe but not afford them water to
quinche the bane if any bughi you
haui hardof toward me God Graunt
hi rein hit brich not to wif for the
for the Archidukes hetes pooring
hi wischis inuiry Body Lik hi but
except his Cousin Wichi Wint his brothe
helpe hi Wel bon regaint his Signory
I suppose that Considering Who apirti
inuiry hit is not of spin not
mulchi your own honor to the
world (that you had no pricular
Loue to mi) as to p[illegible] his bator
in your land, that so Carelesly
potencies suffre a Princes as
minir harmed him Via bughi
a Cone as if his discreet father
had Cone rightly informed, Ord better
mirite at his hand than any
prince ort Christenedd to other

for which hatte they bin an example that
Sary One King hatte ever dirided so
faire a president as the holi Sibiline
provincis of the Lowe Countries Nia
who not only wold not have dirided
them but Sind a double Centure
to warne him of their Sliding fro
him wth offer of keeping from the
nei neighbors hands and Sint
trinbur to pay the Shatting town
fro Lapse disserved & onthe a rico
pinci ab many a Coplet both for
my life and kingdom, Aught &
not to dispend and bering him
of onthe Wiapon ab might invay
my bilfe he wil Say & hilpi
Sliding and holand fro his
hand & He if ether his father
or his bilfe wold obeirne
Such Othe ab the Emperour
Charles obliged his bilfe and
bo in Signell his Son & wold
not have dealt with offers
territories but he held the

by such Commaunts as not observing
by their owne grauntes they are no
longer found unto them But
they all this were not unknowne
to him yet I cast such rust
reisons Onto my Shuldar and
rigour did their Good and
hani minis definued them
a wicked ignorant and had he
not mist that Conversiment
cotrary to his own Lawes
wch the rule of Spaniards
all this had not indeed
Now for the warning the frendsh
Gift you of Vebomb embassat to
you Lie that is the king your
God brother hath Gen you a
Good Comint that Gieing a king
he supposeth by that iadurie
that you wold dimi such offiers
and Sueci midigon wch have
my Comsiel I can hardly beleiu
that Gieing warning your own
subiect shalbe suffred to com into
your realm for instrument
such a place to such

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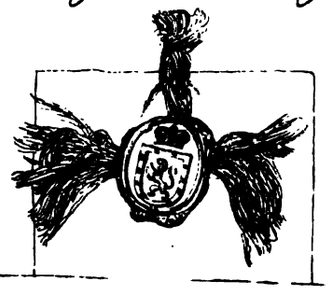
such a prelate if he could be
taught a better Lesson than plain
boldness and bold apart after
he knew your good Liking thereof
which as I hope is far fro your
intent so will his Conscience
to make Good Master Suplis
assevirations at Rome of which
you have ordered he would quickly
show you so how to fulfil your
trust reposed in him which to
infrange I minister my mind I
have Sincerity made patente
my Sincerities and not frustrate
w^t much wisedom yet stuffed
w^t great good will I hope you
will bear w^t my listing
you to Long w^t stretching
hand as providing for a hart
that should ever be fulled w^t the
sure affection of your
Loving and sure friendly
sister
Elizabeth

K. James VI. of Scotland, afterwards James I. of England, to Q. Elizabeth. (Cott. Ms. Vesp. F. III. f. 38 b.)

Madame & dearest sister the residence of youre ambassadoure heir quhom
by ye are alsuell aduertishit of euerie accident fallis out heir as lyk euayes in=
formit quhat my request or desyre is that ye souldde do at this tyme, this sayie is
the cause that seuyes me untroubling you sa oft with my ouin letters as other uayes
I wolde doe, in speciall I doubt not ye are sufficientlie informid of this late raire
& rashe attempt confirming nou at fallt lande that treason quhiche in winter
but godd be praisid quho gaue the last the worst successe
thay committid at holyrudehouse, nou it restis ~~sue~~ for me to hunt thaime the best I
may & thairin to spair no painis nor trauell, & for youre paire of concurrence
alsuell that none of these traitouris shall finde refuge in any paire of youre
dominionis as also that ye will according to youre ouin lawis & thaire iust desertis
punishe suche of youre ouin leude subiectis as were inducit by thaim to assist thaim
at this deid I doube not in this cace of youre gude will in respect of the straitt band
of amitie betuixt us & besydis that I leaue it to youre consideration if this be
not a perrelluse president for all princes: & because this turne will of necessi=
tie dryue me to extraordinarie charges, I must hairtelie praye you at this tyme
to send me that quhole summe of ~~annuitie~~ quhiche I did the last yeire require
of you, not that I ame ignorant of the greatness of youre present adoes, but
that I trust ye will in this turne turne youre eyes a littill from looking
upon youre ouin estait to blinke upon the necessaire cace of youre freind
but remitting this & all other thingis to her loving consideration quho
neuer yett failed me in any my adoes I comitt yo Madame & dearest sister
to the protection of the allmightie: from edinburgh the fyft of iulie. 1592



youre most loving & affec=
tionatt brother & cousin.

James R.

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K. James I. to the D. of Buckingham. (Lansd. Ms. 1236. f. 63.)

My onlie sweete & deare chylde, I ame now so miserable
á cowarde, as I doe nothing but weepe & murne, for
I proteste to god I roade this afternoone á great waye
in the parke withowt speaking to any boddie &
the teares trilling downe my cheeks, as now thay
doe, that I can scarcelie see to wrytte, but alas,
quhat shall I doe at oure parting, the onlie small
consorte I can have will be, to prye in thy defects
with the eye of an ennemie & of euerie moate
to make á montaine & so harden my hairte against
thy absence, but this litle malice is lyke ieaolousie pro
ceiding from á sweete roote, but in one point it
~~ouercum~~ ouercummeth it for as it proceides from loue
so it can not but ende in loue, sweete hayte be earnist with
thee to come & meete thee at newhall within eight
or term dayes after this, castle thee to be heere to morrowe, as neare

about two in the after noone as thow can & come gallo
ping hither remember thy picture & suffer.n
of the counsall to come heere, for godd his saite write
not a worde againe & lette no creature see this
here, the lorde of heauen & earth to blesse thee,
& my sweete daughter & my sweete litle grand child
& all thy blessid familie & sende thee a happie re=
turne, both now & thow knowis quhen, to thy dear
dade & christen gosseppe.

James R.

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Prince Henry, to his father K. James I. (Cott. Ms. Vesp. F. III. f. 11. b.)

May it please your Ma.

According vnto your Ma. commandement I haue
sett down there names who were recommended to
me for Knights of the Bathe aswell Noblemen as
others, to be kept or altered as shall be best
plesing to yor Ma. Not doubting but yor Ma.
will declare yor pleasure within short tyme.
And because the Prince of Brunswik hauing
seene with me the new shippe wch is building att
Wolwich is desyrous to see the rest of them
att Chatham, hauing this occasion I make
bold to intreate leaue to goe thither for two
or three nights ~~and~~ which in this I must be direc-
ted by as in all other things yor Maties will must
be a Law to him who most humbly kissing
your Maties hands resteth

Your Ma. most dutyfull and
obedient sonne

HENRY.

J. Nathanielis sin. rim.

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Elizabeth, Q. of Bohemia, to her father, K. James I. (Lansd. Ms. 1237. f. 50.)

Sire

Je ne veux importuner V. M. d'vn trop longue lettre le Baron de Dona ne faudra d'informer V. M. du malheur qui nous est arriué, et nous a contraint de quitter Prague et venir en ce lieu icy vn Dieu sait combien nous y demeurerons, ie supplie donc treshumblement V. M. d'auoir soing du Roy et de moy en nous enuoyant du secours, autrement nous serons du tout ruinez, il n'y a que V. M. apres Dieu de qui nous attendons ayde, ie la remercie treshumblement de la fauorable declaration qu'il luy a pleu faire pour pour la conseruation du Palatinat, ie la supplie treshumblement de faire le mesme pour nous icy, et nous enuoyer vn bon secours pour nous defendre contre nos ennemis, autrement ie ne say se que nous deuiendrons, ie la supplie donc encore d'auoir pitie de nous et de n'abandonner le Roy et a ce heur qu'il en a si grand besoing pour moy ie suis resolue de ne le quitter car si il perit ie perirray aussy auec luy, mais quoy qu'il arriue ie ne seray iamais iamais autre que

Sire

De V. M.

La treshumble et tresobeyssante fille et seruante

Elizabeth

de Breslau ce $\frac{23}{13}$ de Nouembre

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K. Charles I., to his Son, Prince Charles. (Harl. Ms. 6988, f. 113.)

Brekinocke 5. Aug: 1645.

Charles/ it is very fit for me now to prepare for the worst; in order to wch I spoke wth Culpeper this morning concerning you, judging it fit, to give it you under my hand that ye may give the reddier obedience to it; wherfor know that my Pleasure is, whensoever you fynde your selfe, in aparent danger, of faling into the Rebelles hands, that you conway your selfe into France, & there to be under your Mother care, who is to have the absolute full power of your Education, in all things, excep Religion, &, in that, not to medle at all, but leave it, entyrly, to the care of your Tutor, the Bishop of Salisberry (or to whom he shall apoint, to supply his Place, in tyme of his necessitated absence) And for the performance of this, I cõmand you to requyre the assistance & obedience of all your Councell, &, by theire advyce, the service of every one, whom you & they, shall judge fit to be employd in this Business; wch I expect should be performed, if neede requyre, with all obedience, & without grombling: this is all at this tyme from.

Your loving Father
Charles R

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K. Charles I. to Prince Maurice. (Harl. Ms. 6988. f. 116.)

Newtoune 20. Sep. 1645

Nepheu, what through want of tyme, or unwillingness, to speake to you of so unpleasing a subject, I haue not yet (wch now I must supply) spoken to you freely of your Brother Ruperts present Condition; the truth is, that his unhansom quitting the Castell & Forte of Bristol, hath inforced me to put him off those Comands wch he had in my Armys & haue sent him a Passe to goe beyond Sease; now though I could doe no lesse then this for wch (beliue me) I haue too much reason, upon strict examination; yet, I assure you, that I am most confident that this great Error of his (wch, indeed, hath ~~gi~~ geuen me more Greefe then any Misfortune since this damnable Rebellion) hath no waie proceeded from his change of Affection to me or my Cause, but, meerly, by hauing his Judgements seduced by some ~~wrongheaded~~ Vilaines, making faire pretensions to him; & I am resolued, so liule to forget his former Seruices, that, whensoeuer it shall please God to enable me to looke upon my Frends lyke a King, he shall thanke God for the paines he hath spent in my Armys. So much for him, now for your selfe; I know you to be so free from his present Mis=fortune, that it no wais staggars me in that good opinion wch I haue euer had of you, &, so long as you shall not be weary of your Implorments under me, I will giue you all the in=couragement & contentment that lyes in my Power; howeuer, you shall alwais fynd me

Your louing Oncle & most assured frend

Charles R

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K. Charles II. to Clarendon. (Lansd. Ms. 1236 f. 121.)

Hamtoncourt Thursday morning.

I forgott when you weare heere last to desire you to give Broderick good councell not to medle any more with what concernes my Lady Castlemaine and to lett him have a care how he is the authour of any scandalous reports, for if I finde him guilty of any such thing I will make him repent it to the last moment of his life, and now I am entered on this matter, I thinke it very necessary to give you a little good councell in it, least you may thinke that by making a further stir in the business you may deverte me from my resolution, which all the world shall never do, and I wish I may be unhappy in this world and in the world to come, if I faile in the least degree of what I have resolved, which is of making my Lady Castlemaine of my wives bedchamber, and whosoever I finde use any endeavours to hinder

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this resolution of myne (except it be only to my selfe) I ~~shall~~ will be his enimy to the last moment of my life, You know how true a friende I have been to you, if you will oblige me eternally, make this ~~the~~ businesse as easy to me as you can, of what opinion soever you are of, for I am resolved to go through with this matter, let what will come on it, which againe I solemly sweare before Almighty God, therfore if you desire to have the continuance of my friendshipp medle no more with this businesse, except it ~~we~~ be to beate downe all false and scandalous reports, and to facilitate what I am sure my honour is so much concerned in, and whosoever I finde to be my Lady Castlemaines enimy in this matter, I do promise upon my word to be his enimy as long as I live, you may shew this letter to my L^d^ Ln: and if you have both a minde to oblige me, carry yourselves like friends to me in this matter.

Charles R

K. Charles II. to Clarendon. (Lansd. Ms. 1236. f. 125.)

Hamptoncourte saturday two
in the afternoone

The relation that has been made to me of Sr H Vanes carriage yesterday in the hall is the occasion of this letter, which if I am rightly informed was so insolent as to justify all he had done, acknowledgeing no supreame power in England but a Parl: and many things to that purpose, You have had a true accounte of all, and if he has given new occasion to be hanged, certainly he is too dangerous a man to let live; if we can honestly put him out of the way, think of this and give me some accounte of it tomorrow, till when I have no more to say to you. C

Address
The Chancelour

Indorsed
The Kings 7 June.

June 7. 1662. on which day week Sir H Vane was beheaded.

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James D. of York (afterwards K. James II.) to Prince Rupert 1673. (Lansd: M.S. 1236 fol. 118.)

Aug: 20: 1673:

I have received yours by this bearer and am very glad you came safe of, and had by this bearer an account of the engagement, I wish you a continuance of faire wether, and that the winds may do you no more hurt then de Ruyter has done you, and that we may see you and the fleet safe at home before the Michelmas flaws come, this bearer will tell you all the newes that is here which is all I have new tyme to say. James.

For my deare Cousin
Prince Rupert.

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A Kensington ce 25 Decem. / 4. Janv. 1694/95.

Quoy qu'asseurement je ne suis point en humeur d'escrire, il y a de la satisfaction de pouvoir ouvrir son cœur a un ami, il y a quatre jours que la Reine est tombe malade a ce que l'on croit d'un grand rume, mais le lendemain qui fut dimanche l'on vit sortir des pourpres par le visage et par le bras et toute les marques imaginables de la petite verole, ce qui a continué hier et les Medecins et tout le monde persuade qu'elle les avoit mais a ce matin l'on a jugé que c'estoit la pourpre avec une erisipelle, et quoy qu'elle en est tres plaine et fort incomodée elle se trouve aussi bien pour le temps qu'on le pouvoit souhaiter la fievre estant tres moderee, vous pouvez croire en quel estat cela me met l'aimant autant que je fais, vous savez ce que c'est d'avoir une bonne femme, si j'estois assez malheureux de perdre la mienne il faudroit se retirer du monde et quoy que nous n'avons point de couvent en nostre Religion l'on trouve toujours des endroits pour se retirer et prier le bon Dieu pour le reste de ses jours.

J'ay bien receu vos lettres du 19. et 20. de Decem., mais je ne suis pas en estat d'y pouvoir repondre presentement.

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Queen Anne to Lord Oxford. (Lansd: MS. 1236. fol. 153.)

Nov ye 16th

I am very glad to hear from those yt saw you yesterday yt you are so much recovered I pray God perfect your health & Confirm it for many many yeares; I thank you for putting me in mind of haveing a fast heare & in Scotland, wch I think is soe right if I intend to mention it either to morrow or at ye next Cabinet; I have talked wth Ld Chamberlain about several things this afternoon & at present he seems to me to be in good humour, what he means by the D. of Somersets working against him I cant tell, for he has not named him to me a great while; I gave Ld Dartmouth to day ye names for the Council of Trade & Chamberlain of

Scotland & he tells me he has order'd y^e
Warrant to be filled up; I find he has not
prepared any Instructions for Ld Peterborow
fearing he would do more hurt then good at
Turin, Ld Dartmouth proposed to one the
sending him to Venice, I think he should be
sent somewhere for I feare if he comes
home while the Parliament is sitting he
will be very troublesome; m^r Secretary often
mentions ye great care should be taken of
ye Courts of Berlin & Hanover but never
has proposed any body to be sent to either,
if Britain be thought proper for such an
employment I am very willing to part wth him
only desire he may not be sent to Hanover,

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I believe Duke Hamilton may do very well for Vienna but it will be time enough to com to any resolution about it when I have the satisfaction of seeing you: you propose my giving Mr Prior some inferiour Character what it can be I dont know, for I doubt his Birth will not entitle him to ye Envoy, or ye Secretary of ye Embassy is filld, if there be any other you can think it fit for him I shall be very glad to do it; I leave it to you to recommend some body for ye Master of ye Mint in Scotland for I have none in my thoughts at present to give it to, I intend an it please God to be in Town ye midle of ye next week if ye Parliament can meet on ye day appointed, or els I should be glad to stay a week longer heare unless

you think my being at St James's is absolutely necessary for buisnes, pray turn it in your thoughts who will be proper to putt into the commission for executing the office of Privy Seal dureing my Lords absence, & believe me to be all sincerely

your very affectionate freind

SMCR

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Monsieur

La lettre que vous m'avés ecrite ma esté d'autant plus agreable que vostre fils en à esté luy mesme le porteur, je vous suis tres oblige des asseurances quelle contient de vostre affection pour moy je seray tres aise de rencontrer les occasions de vous faire voir combien jay sensible & combien jay destine

Et de consideration pour vostre personne, je feres en sorte que vostre fils ait lieu d'estre content du sejour qu'il fera icy, et de vous tesmoigner dans cette rencontre et dans toutes les autres que je suis

Monsieur

Vostre tres affectionné

George Louis Elect.

Herrhausen le 30 d'Aout.

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Hannover ce 28 Mars 1709.

My Lord,

Vous avez voulû ajoûter de nouvelles obligations, à celles, que notre Mayor Vous a deja en proposant des choses qui lui sont si avantageuses. Je vous rends bien des graces de me l'avoir voulû mander par la votre du 15. de ce mois. Je suis ravy de la chauge que l'on a ajoûté de la demolition de Dunkerke, la trouvant assy convenante et favorable a l'Angleterre, que dommageable a la France. J'espere que Vous ne vous tromperez pas par les suites de cette Campagne, que j'espere

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qui rendront les propositions de l'Angleterre plus faciles, qu'on l'auroit eu. Au reste ie vous prie, Mylord, d'être persuadé de la reconnoissance que i'ai de l'Amitié que vous me témoignés toûjours en particulier, et qu'il n'y a personne qui souhaite davantage que moy, de trouver les occasions de vous marquer l'estime que ie fais de vôtre personne, et combien ie suis,

Mylord,

Vôtre très affectionné

ami

George Auguste P.

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King George III, to Marquis of Salisbury.

(Coll: J. French Esq: Windsor.)

Queens House April 6th 1792

I find there are so many little arrangements in the Dresses of Ladies and particularly when their Cloaths have been prepared as it were by guess, that the Nuptials cannot be conveniently till Wednesday; I desire therefore that the Marquess of Salisbury will order a proper notice to be printed in the Daily Papers tomorrow agreable to the one already published in the Gazette that those who are to attend the Nuptials shall assemble in the Public Apartment at St. James's on Wednesday at Eight in the Evening. This should also be published in the Gazette tomorrow Evening. There will be no Levees this Week nor Drawing Room on Thursday but a Levee on Wednesday April 15th and on the next day a Drawing Room and in the Evening a Ball in the usual Room as on Birth days. Of course neither of those days persons ~~can appear in Mourning~~

George R.

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Sir Thomas More, to K. Henry VIII. (Cott. Ms Cleo. E. VI. f. 182.)

It may lyke yor highnes to call to yor gracious remembrance/ that at such tyme/ as of that great weighty roome & place of your counsell (with which so far above my merits or qualities able & meete therfore yor highnes had of yor incomparable goodnes honored & exalted me) ye were so good & gracious vnto me as at my poore humble suit to discharge & disburden me/ geuing me licence with yor gracious fauor/ to bestow the residue of my life in myne age now to come/ about the prouision for my soule in the seruice of god/ & to be yor graces bedesman & pray for you/ it pleased yor highnes further to say vnto me/ that for the seruice which I before hadde done you/ (which it then liked yor goodnes far above my deserving to commend) that in any suit that I should after haue vnto yor highnes/ which either should concerne myne fame (that word it liked yor highnes to vse vnto me) or that should pertayne vnto my profit/ I should find yor highnes good & gracious lord vnto me. So is it now gracious soueraign, that worldly fame yet the thing wherof I haue resigned both the possession & the desire/ in the resignation of yor most honorable office. And worldly profit I trust experience prouyth & daily more & more shall prove/ that I neuer was very greedy theron. But only yet my most humble suit vnto yor excellent highnes/ partly to beseche the same/ some what to tender my poore honestee. But principally that of yor accustomed goodnes no sinister information make yor noble grace/ to haue any more distrusse of my trouth toward & deuotion toward you, than I haue or shall during my life geue the cause. For in the matter of the wicked woman of canterbury I haue vnto yor trusty counsayllour & Thomas Cromwell by my writing as playnly declared the trouth as I possibly can/ which my declaration/ of his diuise toward yor grace/ & his goodnes toward me he hath I vnderstand declared vnto yor grace. In any parte of all which my dealing/ whether any other man may peradventure

put any doubte / or make any scrupule of suche suspition / that can
I neither tell / nor lyeth in myne hand to tell / but bin to my sowle
is it not possible any parte of my said demeanure to sowe
evil / the very clearnes of myne owne conscience knowyth in
all the matter. my mynde & entent so good. Wherefore most gracious
soveraign I neither will nor well it can growe me / w^t ye highnes
to reason & argue the matter / but in my moost humble ~~matter~~
manner prostrate at ye graciouse feete / I onely beseche ye maiestie
w^t ye alone high prudence & ye accustomede goodnes consider &
weye the matter. And then if in ye so doing ye alone vertuous
mynde shall geve you / that notwithstanding the manifold excellent
goodnes that ye gracious highnes hath be so many manner wayes
showed unto me / I be a wretche of such a monstrouse ingratitude
as could to any of theym all / or with any other person living /
digresse fro my bounden dutie of allegeance toward ye good grace /
than desire I no further favo^r at ye graciouse hand / than the losse
of all that ever I may lose in this world / goode / lande / & libertie /
& finally my life w^t all / wherof the keping of any parte unto
my selfe / could neither do me pennyworth of pleasure / but onely
shold then my recomforte be / that after my short life & ye long /
(which w^t continuall prosperite to godly pleasure our lord for
his mercy send you) I shold ones mete w^t ye grace agayn in
heaven / & there be merry with you. Where amonge myne other pleasures
this shold yet be one / that ye grace shold surely se there than / that
(how so ever you take me) I am ye true bedesman / and ever faithe
bone / & will be till I dye / how so ever ye pleasure be to do by me.
Holde be it if in the considering of my cause / ye high wyseme & grete
goodnes perceive (as I verily trust in god you shall) that I none
otherwise sine demeanede my selfe / than well may stand w^t my bounden
dutie of faithfullnes toward ye royall maiestie / than in my moste
humble wise I beseche ye moste noble grace / that the knowledge of
ye true gracious persuasion in that behalfe / may relede the burnen
of my present heynesse / conceived of the deede & fere (by that) fore
such a grobanse bill put by ye learned counsaile in to ye high act of

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parliament against me) left yor grace might by some sinister information
be induced any thing to think the contrary. Which if yor highness do not
(as I trust in god & yor great goodness the matter by yor alone high
prudence examined & considered you will not) then in my most
humble mane I beseech yor highness further (also it that in respect
of my former requests the other thing yo very slight) yet seith
yor highness hath here before of yor more habundant goodness showed
& accumulated vpon me (though I was thereto very far vnworthy)
fro tyme to tyme both wise, suffi & great found to (seith) now hand
lefte of all such things, and no thing seke or desire but the life to
come, & in the meane while pray for yor grace, it may lyke yor highne
of yor accustomed benignite somewhat to tender my poore honestie.
and vnder suffer by the meane of such a bill put forth against me
any man to take occasion here after against the trouth to slaunder
me. Which thing shold yet by the perill of their alone soules
do them selfe more hurt than me which shall I trust settle my
harte with yor gracious fauo^r to depend vpon the ~~co~~ rafore of
the trouth & hope of heven, and not vpon the fallible opinion
or some spoken words, of light & some chymerical people. And thus
most dread & most dere soveraign lord, I beseche the blessed trinite
preserve yor most noble grace both in body & soule, and all
that are yor well willers, and amend all the contrary. among
whome if ever I be, or ever have been, and then pray I god that he may with
my open shame & destruction declare it. At my poore howse
in Chelsey the fifteth day of march by the knowen vnde hand
of

yor most humble & most duty
faithfull subgett & bedeman

Tho. More. Kt.

J Nathaniel sc. sim.

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Chas. Brandon, D. of Suffolk, to K. Henry VIII. (Cott. Ms. Vesp. F. XIII. f. 80.)

most graciouse soueryn lord pouer seyd I am informed
by Norwod wayd I that your grace commyt me lord of
yorke be oppynyd myght mane aduer at yette be tormented
to tempt your grace I may aduer by yet to dyth or
by yet in prysson and so to be dystrud alas I may
say I have a hard fortune seyng I nad no warnon
of thys in trubbyl but I was glad to helpe thy
tu me your and your grace knowed best and whon
I am in gud non but tryd and person whom
thay ar redy to helpe to dystrue me but I come no
mor but god for gyf thy nat so I war comed
on me for I am so tormented for your grace
od the I od me soueryn lord and master and he I had
brought me up of nouth and I am your syth and
seruant and he I had afynded your grace in my bynd
me promed I made your grace tochyng the glyes your
sister for the nyes I myght most vnbyl hart I
myght yeld me self vn to your graciouse hander to do myt
me your code your graciouse pleysyr not fryng the malice
of thys for I know your grace of sthyth nat be I et
can not by in thys your od to dystrue me for ther
malice but nat your esment so war I have I sthall
thank god and your grace of et and thy be I
I have myt desyrnyd et bouth to god and
your grace ad knowed honorus lord whose pend your grace
your most honorabyl hartes desyr myt long lyt
and me most sorrowfut nay the your graciouse father
nat sorro so yenar I in dur thys for at mostlyt the
eyday of apryl by your most vnbyl prayet and sertum
I by stye your grace to gyf ordynes vn to me adyse pedmy thos
epistolon me by self

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John Russell, 1st E. of Bedford to Wolsey (Cot. Ms Vesp. F XII f. 156)

pleseyt your grase acordyng to your comondment
I have schwede the kyngs magefte howe your gra
se has examynad francesse phyllyppes and vynes
after the hefte and gentyleft maner that you
came w̄ out forsse or violens whyche your
grase thenkes schalle be mofte for the kyngs
honor for sche the resons as your grase schewed
me whyche I have reherede to hys magefte and wh
at order you entende to take w̄ theme that thy
schalle net come tho the comrte nor go out of
london whyche order hys magefte lykes vere welle
he has redde vynes pyftelle where yn he wrytes
of Jhesgensvvij yn that hys magefte welle wrytt
hys mynde under the sayde pyftelle and sende
litt to your grase as browes over lorde who
sende your grase long lyfe and moche encresse
of honor at wynedesor the xx of febreare

your humble seruant

J Russell

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T. Howard, E. of Surrey (aft: 3rd D. of Norfolk,) to Wolsey. (Cott. Ms Cal. B. I. f. 179.)

Pleasyth it yor Grace to be advertised that the wyffe of my father
came to me in Stratfordmary on Wednesday last to desyre
of Sotlie that yor Grace shall order wt the. And by the same
yor Grace may perceyve that the Kynge shall not come ffrth
and all this that the Erle doth cause her to write is only
to delye off the tyme to the intent I shuld do the best and
that their hole power myght be assembled and so to take
their advantage upon me. and so one off myne officers hath
warned me in their intent. saying the Erle be fore suche
ffeare off the due Lykynge of our Soure ffor hym to abyde. that
and they had layde iiij off the best off their Tenantes fo
hostage to ffortake hym. yet iff he came they wold breke
their covenant. Wherfor wt yor Grace I shalle doing. and
wt this yor Grace shall perceyve the rebell off myne auntur sent to
the Erle of Arone wrote the shalle show to the Erle. he cause her
went hym ffoll upon Saturday in Edenburgh and made proclama
cions in ye pleace that all men that myght wer sarved
shuld be ffor day xxij to wardes come ffrth and ye wyffe
the ffrenche men made much joy. powrely I feare they do mych
abouse the queene. but thoffe they do so wt her I entende not
they shalle so do wt me. ffor at the resynet he xx off I m wolle
go to Jedbarte and do the most hurt I can. Sybbed this xxiij
day off Septembr at iij of clok after mydnyght

yor most bownden

T. Surrey

J. Nicholls for Mr.

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Cardinal Wolsey to Gardiner Bishop of Winchester. (Lansd. Ms. 1236. f. 12.)

My owne goode maistyr Secretary after my moste harty recōmendacions wt lyeke thankes for yr goodnes towarde me thes shalle to admertysi yow that I have bene mformyd by my trusty frende Thomas cromwell that ye have sygnyfyd unto hym to my synguler cōsolacōn howe that the kynge hyghnes mevyd wt pity and cōpassyon and of hys excellent goodnes and charyte cōsyderyng the lamentable cōdicōn and stat that I stand yn hath wyllyd yow and other lorde and maistyrs of hys honorable cōsell to entende to the expeditynge and absolvynge wt out further tract or delay of myn end and appoyntment and that my pardon shulde be made in the moste ample forme that my counsell could devise, for thys the kynge moste gracyous remēbrance geddyng of hym sylf I accompt my sylf not onely moste bownden to fave and pay for the prisonnaū of hys moste royal maiesti but also thanke god that ye have occasyon golyn unto yow to be a sollycytor and setter forth of suche thynge as do and shalle cōfort my sayd ende in the makyng and compolvynge whereof myn assured trust is that ye wole shewe the love and affecōn wych ye have and bere towarde me yr olde lover and frende so declarynge yr sylf therin that the world may perceyve that by yor good meanys the kyng is the better goode lorde unto me and that mowe nowly an manner cōmyng to the world ther may be suche respect had to my poore degree olde age and longe cōtynuyd seruys as shal be to the kynge hyghe honor and yr gret prayse and lowde wych undoubtedly shal followe yf ye extende yor kynnelinge towarde me and mere geve thus by yr wysdom and dexteryte I shalle relevyd and in

thys my calamyte helpyn/ at the reverens thinkyn of god
myn dane goode ~ Secretary and rifuge indue set to yo handes
that I may come to a landalli ende and repose seyng that
I may be furnyshed after such a sorte and manir as I may
ende my short tyme and lyff to the honor of Crystes church
and the prince and besydys my daylye prayer and trewhert
I shal so requyte yo kyndnes as ye shal fine cause to thynke
the same to be well imployed lycke as my lord trusty frende
shal more amply shewe onto yow to whom yt may please
yow to gebe furme credens and hevyng audyens and I
shal pray for the increase of yo honor worshyp and aff
~ the trewnesse and fervent hert of yo ~ assured lover
and bedysman/

T Carlis
Cardynal

To the rygth honorable
and my syngular good
frende Master Secretary

J. Netherclift fac-sim.

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Cranmer to T. Cromwell. (Cott. Ms. Cleo. E. VI. f. 181.)

Right worshipful master Cromwell, aft^d most hartye
comendations (c^d) doubte not but you do right well
remembre that my lordes of Rochest^r and mast^r ayere
were contented to be sworne to the acte of the kynges
succession, but not to the preamble of the same.
What was the cause of thair refusal therof I am
uncertain, ~~but if either it must be~~ (c they woldes
by no meanes expresse the same: nevertheles it
must nedis be either the diminution of the auto-
ritie of the Bisshope of Rome, or elle the repro-
bation of the kynges first pretended matrimony.
But if they be obstinately ~~ffixe~~ in thair opinions
of the preamble, yet me seemeth it sholde not be refused
if they will be sworne to the verey acte of succession
p^t they will be sworne to maynteine the same
agayenst al power and potentate. ffor hereby shal
be a greate occasion to ~~stoppe~~ satisfie the princesse
douager and the lady ayere, which do thynke
that they sholde dampne thair soules, if they
sholde abandon and relinquyshe thair estate. And not
onely it sholde stoppe the mouthes of they, but
also of thempeour and other thair freindes, if they
gyve as much credence to my lordes of Rochest^r and
mast^r ayere, proceedings or doinge agayenst they, as they hitherto have
done ~~(doubte~~ (c thought p^t ~~ot~~ al other sholde have
done when they spake and did with they. And
peradventure it sholde be a good quietacion to many
other men this reasoning, if such men sholde ~~fresh~~ say that
the succession comprised in the said acte is good and
according to godes lawes. ffor then I thynke ther.

is not one noithe in this realme yt woolde once
reclayme against it. And where as divers persones
either of a wilfulnes woil not, or of an indurate
and invertible conscience can not, altre fro thair
opinions of the Bynes first pretended mariage (wherein
thay have once said thair mynde, & prese have a
persuasion in thair heade, yt if thay schulde wire thay
therfrome thair fame & estimation were distayned
for ever) or else of the autoritie of the Bussheppe
of Rome: yet if al the realme nt one accorde woolde
apprehende the said succession, in my iugement it is
a thynge to be amplected & imbraced. Which thing
al thoughe I trust surely in god yt it shal be brought
to passe, yet hereunto might not a litle avayle
the consent and otheres of thyes two persones the
Bussheppe of Rochester and maister Ayere nt thair adhe
rentes or rather confederate. And if the Bynes
pleasure se were, thair said otheres myght be suppressed
but when and where
~~for a season~~, his highnes might take some como-
dite by the publisheynge of the same. Christ our
lorde have you in his consideration. Fro my mano
at Croydon the xxv day of Aprill.

Yours assured ever
Thomas Cantuary

J. Nichols fac-sim.

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T. Cromwell, (aft. E. of Essex,) to Sir T. Wyatt. (Harl. Ms. 282. f. 160.)

After my right hartyly commendacions I have receyved yours bearing date the xxiiij^{th} day of Decembre by the which I perceyve the matter of your returne at Marge next and my sute not withstanding it is differred till Aprill as ye shall perceyve by the kynge his royal maiestie. Your diligence and advise declarede therein is good and pleasing unto me. Howbeit of his grace pleasure in all thynge as by his sayd letter ye shall perceyve I doubte not but ye shall doubtlye discharge your duetie in the settynge forth therof as ye have ever heretofore. I advise you to take particulye your abode there till Aprill and to send me word what money ye shall nede to have sent. Unto you for I shall prepare you. Assuryng you that I could not see you that wayes and hath abydyng there honestly furnished to return home and at the latter end to return redy and disfurnished I do better tende the kynge your and esteme you better thus so to suffer you to tarye. Advising you nevertheless that I think your gentle frenesse that doth muche emporte your wyfe ye have money ye are content to departe with it and lende it as ye did lately unto Mr Hobby the which I think had no mede of thyng for ye did large furnisshment of money at his departyng hence and elsewhere at his retorne. Noe arrestum not to send mey disposed. So fare. Take heede the shore howe ye departe of this porcion as ye wil. And forsee. Eschewe to be pyrated yet yet this for the promisses of office to leave yet yet market polyte yeasit yeasit not that wayes. If ye shall advise me what summe ye shall need I shall take a wayes that ye shall furnished. I require you to solicite an answer of the emperour to the kynge Grace and as shortely as ye can and as often as ye maye have opportunite to advertise his maiestie amplely of all occurrentes. This ffare ye heartily well. ffrom London the xxiiij^{th} day of January 1538

Yours assuryd ffrend
Thomas Cromwell

1. Neither-diff. fine-rim

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My very good Lord after my moste harty commendacyons
I pray yt to geve your Lordshyp thankes for
the goodnes that I have allwes found
in you your wyche can never be deserved on my
parte, but I hope yet by any thynge you wil
of your honeste mere your Lordshyps gentylnes
hathe bownde me, moste hartely desyrynge yowr
Lordshyp to have me in remembrance for the
pirfermente of the abbey, and yf yt were your
Lordshyps plesure the abbey of Burton lyethe very
convenyently for me, but that I refer to your
good Lordshyps plesure, in whom I putt all my
trusste, yet I shalle abide more my comfortt
to abide after to your Lordshyp my selfe but
that yt hathe plesed god to visitt me and my
howse to the weyghte, so that of yett I dare not
be so bolde to come to your Lordshyp till I know
further your Lordshyps plesure, thus I pray god
sende your Lordshyp of good longe life of your wishe
harte wolde desyre, from Bolle the xxiiij day of
february by your Lordshyps assyrd to commande.

Francis
Hastyngs

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Right honorable, Salus in christo.
And syr, when I was w^t yt lordshyp
last, you were displeasyd to fare, when
you myght have had good mente, I willyd
you of yoo, w^t my lord of Westmynst,
I wold nott shew name thys to you
but now I c^a, the way ys rullyd
Goorsey, the other clerk both bachy-
lary of divinite, with lerynd
of right judgment, of very honest
mind, the p^or of conditione as I
know thy, ys dede, the matt ys
sowhat mynyd w^t the Kynge grace
And Cyr to goo forward, yf you
put thereto yr helpynge hande
I doubt nott but my Lorde
abbot of Westmynst, as yt as he myght
spare this you wyll forgoo thys, for such
a purpose, but much the rather
yf he p^ore yor pleasure therein

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I wolde have waited upon your lordshipp
my self as my dewty hade bynd, but
powrely syn I doo what I can to able my
self to stande in the pulpyt uppon
sabboth, I am a feyrce wrynckle
and all my bodye, but chiffelye in
the syde of my backe, but I have
a good mynsthe good mastrisse
Anthaz, wych syn I
was yn hath fortyd me hoom
to hym downe howse, and doth
tyndyr me upon wt all delygence
for I fear a consumpcion, but yt
maleth great mane for me
pray god. spare your lordshipp
longe yn health, to all suche
good purposes, as god hath ordeyned
you too

yn — after Anthaz howse

by tayne

your ol rel. Wigorn

Henry Howard, E. of Surrey, to Lord Cobham. (Harl Ms. 283. f. 329.)

My very good lord after my harty remembrance
this shall be most heartily to desyre yow
to advertyse me wth all speede by this bearer
when my lord off Wynchester shall be at
Callais for it wold not be fore after a great
thyng after his maiestis plain sayd
y^t Antony ager shuld speake wth my sayd
lord before his departure wherefore
entend immediatly upon yor advertysement
to send hym to my lord wth dyllygence
to aware upon his lordshyp after suche
declaratory off thynge as emporte
to his maiestis plain desyryng yow my
lord to take me harthly remembred to
hym / thus wishyng yow lordshyp ever well
to do as my trust off Antony Bologyen
this xxv^th off October 1545

yor lovyng cosyn

Surrey

wher as I geyve to edward wottoye by mantaslyte
a certen polldyng off mynes y^t standyt in Callais where
is blynd and ruyned I am assayed to gyve hym but
iff it pleas hym to take hym till I be able to gyve hym
a better / I shall desyre hym so to do

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J. Dudley, E. of Warwick (aft. D. of Northumberland,) to Lord Paget. (Cott. Ms. Titus B. II. f. 57.)

Thyrd may be to require yor Lordshyp to be
vygylant & parcymonyous in the matter wherof
now yo^u have in hand & gappes. Ye I shuld
& the L Treasurer who thynkyng may tourne thyng
best. day be content. that it may be wrapped
vp in silence & to sayre yt yf not appeldyens
yt shold come my gudshyp. but god forbid
my / yf ye shold fayle ye wickedes enow
that wold bring it in question & wold burden
yo^u & others / who now will not vnderstand
the dangyr / to be destroyed of the gode body
of the realme wt my instrument forsyd to.
ye^r makyng mennyng. mark well
the wordes that baker yesterday spake in
the kynge presence. considerynge the fault yf any
now must be imputed to the Lord. wolle I
wold wysse. adwell for the / merely of the
kynge matter as for the tenty of the matter they
may shold not be against the yf yt wherynge
yf it now - specially seyng yt gate by thus
fasse debated - wt I wishe they & gappe
thyng praynge yo^u to pryvyate this rude my
Lord yor sonne. and so I doubtt yo^u
bothe to the tuysyon of the Lord of Everlyt
the xxvij^th of January. 1550

yor Lordsyp ever

J. Warwyck

J. Hatherleigh fac-sim.

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Ye[s] my devotyon remembred I had thought to have
ordered yowe to yyve thankes to my cofferer for his
gentle liberalitie towardes me which bryngeth right
of yō lere frankly and like hym selfe, but not offre
me terme ofes according to your request but rather
nedes forcyth me to ye[t] understanding that
I knowyng my little desert towardes hym exhorte
the same (not as monkes do abbarres) but in
good faith, verrayly and gaylly, so that I perceyve
your indgement of hym to be no lesse restany
and assured hys I have showed it to
in many other thynge, and now considering
aporatyon takey from me (as I understand)
wherby I myght dwell have dyl aed
my devoty amongst yowe boroughes by manyfold
benifites, as in time past have satisfied me
cofferers goodnes I am not only assamed to take
his gentlenesse but also afrayd to be accused
of yowe as ingrat and forgetful of benifites
receyved; wherfore I know to be vanquished of no
abomyno reynes wherat ye may receyve a
frendes I am assured that yō lyeth
be the probosts howse salbe as ye would
have it although neither I nor
any other sued sych in it but is yoode
probusyon in yowe order for tromy hym
is) and his yō good fortune / but yet if
I had gone to Cambridge so myght I have
done for yowe no nedeful sebur (I fye)
but only exhibited unto yowe an argument
of my mytyer good voyle, nessary for me
and not for yowe. Here I have a large playne
to playne on, but I will not troubla yowe
I lest one for no thing will hey to stay for
my probosts comyng to Cambridge and yet
I have note first of it by one of my cofferes
servante I beseche yowe do as yō be mynd to do
his [illegible] my mysfortune I yō pradnes [illegible] yo
mel from dryng this sonday yō ows must [illegible]

Mell Paget

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& remembrance of your highnes pleasure which I shold gave in writing as most convenient in my poor indgement to be communed & spoken of by yor maiestie with yor grace called in yor presence this afternoon.

first of al that yor maiestie shold gave them yn remembrance of the charge the kynges highnes gave them at his departing. with beyng induced to certen articles & gave in writing. it semeth wel if som of the lordes for their sodden departure after their charge had not thereunto in writing. that it was geuen rebersed & given into them. with exhortation to employe al their diligence for the dewe execution thereof.

And whereas amongste other charges this was one that those that be named in yn first parte ysebers were al present in the chamber where this first yor highnes mayestie required them that they do observe. specially besyde other their matters that be now in hand. the hymne besyde beyng to shorte after the planement to examyne them. And that the kynges pleasure yt as the matters be proposed in the counsell after the further execution of them to be ymprinted thereof to bind his pleasure therein. And amongst other his maiestie beyng in repetition to bind the vtter resolution of the gretel wisdom those matters that be to be intreated in his planement this yt that yor maiestie loketh to have of them this day to send with all speede to the kynges highnes.

And whereas for the dylation of the kynges coming yor maiestie thought it wel to put in consulte whether it were better there to make a dilation & prorogation of the planement to Candelmas, beyng thought by their opinion that for necessitie of money that is to be demanded in the planement & otherwise can not be guided the prorogation of that shold be most dispendious: yor maiestie not disalowing their deliberation. but considering with all the great need of money for to be had for the discharge of the present necessitie, with regarding present punition of money as for the setting furth of the shippes, as wel for the emperors passage to Spayne, as for the kynge retorne & besyde this for the payment of that is dew in calais, as for yor credyte with the mercharntes & apprentyng the day of payment: & for the dett of ireland also. vpon al those it may please yor maiestie to bind this day of yor gretel what is dun:

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And bycause the most ordynance & wise way nothyng the grision of mony
& pay yt hyghnes dothe & to call yn yt owne dette. wyth charge fully
lene specyally comitted afore. & to principally considered ~~and~~ & considered
in the writing the bynge hyghnes left, wishyng sutt effectyd that hys grace shyld
presently attend into Norwich her named also that same the charge specyall
letter yt Mr shal do wel hys day to charge them wyth the same
that wyth all diligence they attend to the prosecution thereof: geyng them all
dutyeyte that shal be necessary for them to make the most speedy repedition
therin. wylling them wythall that they none let passe on wyche but
in the ende of Hesmo al the lest yt Mat may bide specyally of that
is comen yn, & that order is taken for the rest.

Also yf it pleasyd yt Mat in generall for al matters wych be intreatyd
in the gryll wyth require ymission & reformation. to geve hys order
that those that same had comission to reccule ony more let more
passe the wyche but they informe the gryll what reformation is made
of their comyssions: and that the gryll hereof shold never begyn
the entreatance of new matters the found wyche but that they same
enformation fresh what is done in those wych were comytted to be
reconsyd the wyche afore: I think it shold helpe much to the
speedy repedition of all causes: hyt yt my pore advyse remittyng
al to the ydely & prudent judgement of yt Mat.

Raynold Pole

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Henry Stuart Lord Darnley to Mary Q. of Scots. (Cott. Ms. Vesp. F. III. f. 37 b.)

Lyke as the monumentes of auncient authors (moste triumphaunt, moste victorious, and moste gratious Princesse declare, how that a certane excellent musician, named timotheus musicus, was wounte with his swete proportioned, and melodious armonye, to enflame Alexander the greate Quonguerour and king of macedonia, to euill warres, with a moste feruente desire: Euenso, I remembring with my self oftentymes how that (ouer and besides suche manifolde benefites, as your highnes berfore hath bestoued on me it hath pleased your moste Excellente Maiestie laithe to accepte a litle plote of my simple penning, which I termed, Utopia Nova. for the which it being base, vile, and maymed, your Maiestie hath gyuen me a riche theane of golde. The noyse (I say) of suche instrumentes, as I heire, now and then (although ther melody differe muche, from the swete strokes and soundes of king Alexanders timotheus) do not only, persuade and moue, yea pricke and sourre me forwarde, to endeauoure my wittes daylie (all vanities set aparte) to vertuous lerning and study, being therto thus encouraged so oftentymes, by your Maiesties manifolde benefites, gifles and rewardes. But also I am enflamed and stirred, euen now, my tendre aige not withstanding, to be seruing your grace, wishing euery haire in my heade for to be a wourthy souldiour, of that same self herte, myrde, and stomac that I am of. But wher, as I perceaue, that neither my wite, power, nor yeares ar at this present corresponding unto this, my good will. This shall be therfore (moste gratious Princesse) moste humbly rendring vnto your Maiestie immortall thankes for your riche (beane, and other your Highnes syndrie gifles, gyuen unto me, without anny my deseruinges, from tyme to tyme. Trusting in God, one day, of my (aes bounden duetie, to enduour my self, with my faithfull herte seruice, to remembre the same. And being afraid, with this my superflous woordes, to interfurbe (God forefende) your Highnes, whois Moste Excellent Maiestie is alwaies, and specialy now, occupied in moste weightie maters, thus I make an end. Praing unto Almightie God, moste humbly, and faithfully, to preserue, keipe, and defende, your Maiestie long reaigning ouer vs, all your true, and faithfull subiectes, a moste victorious and Triumphaunt Princesse, Amen. From Temple Newsome, the xxviij of marche. 1554.

Your Maiesties moste bounden, and obedient subiecte, and seruaunt.

Henry darnley.

J. Vertue sculp. fac-sim.

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The Spirit of wisdome Judgement and sanctification
I wishe you by Jesus Christe.

Yf I fand no pleasure yf longe portynge to trouble yon right honorable whose
myndes I knowe to be occupied in most grave matters, yf labor I not to
longe prefare to reconciliate yor favour, whom I suppose to have alreadye (howe-
ever otherwise bruit the contrary) as it becomethe one member of Christes
body to have of an other: The contente therofe of this my sutes labor
absolved in two poinctes. In the first I purpose to discharge in brye wordes
my conscience towarde yo, and in the other some request must I speake in my
owen defence of that yore sterke of late so bemblede in the most godly reformed
Church and Citie of Geneva. To the first I say, that as from god yo
fand wreinde life, riches, honoure, and the yette estate in this worlde stande
yf onlyge yo wholly kinglyge ye same to the maintenance of his glorye, yore
onely is the auctor of life, and mainteiner of riches, and yore most faithfully
obeye and will honor and glorifye God yf yo simple thinke to receive him
yet yo alas in times past yo have not done. But bringe overcome yo rebel-
lyngly, yo have polluted the worlde in the way of perdition. For doubt
the shedyngs was of Christe bloud sufficiently, to the destruccion of idolatry,
and to the holdinge of the bloode of gode doctrine rejected, fand yo by silence
consented and subscribed. Yet yo terrible defection from the truth, knowne
and approved, God suffered this day marvellously preserved, yea to manifest indifferen-
ce he hathe truthe forgotten and pardoned the same. He hathe not intreated yo
as he hathe done others of like knowledge, offenders in ye same. But most
justly according to your desarte) he did shortly strike after your defection
But you (yette in the stande offenced) hathe he spared and reconciled as it were
in his owen bosome drawinge the hand of that most mysterye thereunto
never hathe yette at your libertie as the fruite of gode exercises cannot shewe yo
forth worthyly against his honor yo take occasion to conspire with them. Do
his benefits yo the same wreinde in wrath: yo must yette more require of
yo a thankfull heart, for bringe of his mercyes hathe spared yo bringe
brought to his ma[illegible] further yo mayest yet understande he hathe spared
yo; and last, bringe yo profite of all, he hathe promoted to honore dignitye
of yo must he require (because he is just) yo must understande from
from defection, a heart mouldfull of his mercifull guidance, and a voice
ready to abanne his glorye, that evidently it may appeare, yo in deede yo
fand not wreinde his graces of yo. To the performance whereof, of
necessitye it is that carnall wisdome, and worldly policye (to say bothe yo

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are bruted to be more inclined) yide place to yode simple and naked Gracie
Dery, lond compellis me to say, I except the spirit of yod wrge yee
part from that bedy me yet yee yood hand bend to hand bis the destruction
bute others, that yu shall not longe escape the rewarde of dissembled. Calle
to minde what yee were yande yourselfmed in the Chappell at Ed Jamis rostes
this bersse of the first psalme was intreated: Not so o wicked not so, but as the
dus twiche the wynde to sethe et. And consider that now yee trauell in the
same way; yet then they dide wrong, plainly to speake, were ye in
that estate and credit, in yet yee shall only yee comfort the sorrowfull and
afflicted by vigeonsnes sake, or else yee shall oppugne the spirit of yode
and provoke of comfort in their greatest necessitie: But the troublers
of yode church (yet contended to be the chiefe bebre the world) are hereunto
to lose their name in exoration to the posteritie following. Examples of
the one and of the other, are not only frequent in the scriptures, but also have
been lately manifested in England. And this is the conclusion of yet
yet to yee Sedes I say: Except that in the cause of Christe Emmyll
yee behaue simple, sincere, fermed and constant, yee shall dast of the
same rewarde that politique pride have deserved before yee.

And this is the thinke time that I have beyonde mine to bisse the youngere and
heirsche amongst yu, the yet is more be denyed as before yod I have a
testimony of more I believe not my, bes as chadnumerous of Christe
Emmyll and the comfort of suche persone I know afflicted, so shall
the yodly, bendorstandy of England in resistinge out bestiche, a
friende have shalle the yoreser be. The mighty spirit of ~~yod~~
the Lord Jesus make yee part deyle to consider yee dutie, and
yod and the state of the Realme in yet yee now serve by this appointment
from daynge the yet of this dyall 1580

Hesperinge the hand and singer to have declared
trime in this journey, I have doubled my lord
by this gentleman of whose fidelitie I am fully
persuaded, delivering yee most effectuously,
by sinne to shewnie out but yet I truly have
directed only to bisse the word and discourse the state
at Barwell Newmarke and other places in the north. I pray in yode
that nothinge it shall hurt the Commen wealth of England of sorre
litie be produced out and.

Yours to commande
in Godlinesse.
John Knoxe

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Sir Wm Cecil 1st Lord Burghley to Queen Elizabeth. [illegible]

It may please your most excellent Maty.

Maty.

With a sorrowfull harte, and watery eies, I your poore servant and most lowlye subiect, an unworthy secretory, desech your Maty: to pardon this my lowlye suite. That considering the proceding in this matter for removing of ye french out of Scotland, doth not content your Maty, and that I can not wt my conscience gyve any contrary advise, yt I may be wt your Mat favor, and clemency, be spared to entermedle therin, and this I am forced to doo of necessite. for I will never be a minister in any your Mat service, whereunto your owne mynd shall not be agreable. for thereunto I am sworne, to be a minister of your Mat determynations and not of myne owne, or of others thoughe they be never so many. and on the other part to serve yo Maty in any thyng yt my self can not allow, must nedes be an unproffitable service, and so untoward, as therin I wold be loth your Maty should be deceyved. / and as for any other service, though it wer in your Maties kytchen or Garden from ye bottom of my harte I am redy wout respect of estymatio wealth, or ease, to doo your Mat comandment. to my lyves end. Wherof I wish wt all my poore sorowfull hart yt yo Maty wold make some proofe. for this I doo affirme yt I have not had sence your Mat reigne, any one dayes foye, but in your Mat honor, and weale.

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Edw. Lord Clynton to the E. of Sussex (Cott. Ms. Tit. B. II. f. 449.)

my good Lord the news of our comyng your L. departure gave us
off the Duke of the queene dowger of Scotland which is wayte
fro my L. of northfolk and the Lord of Dorrij valleys and
were sure ships of the kyng of Spayne in this voyage
of purpose wyte arrestabrij by the Dracont pursue
Lorrenaus to the tacke the Duke of medyna only
sought to offer in to make sale newly forefyd
my party by the spanyards wy bay codyes in
his company wyte all the beste of the
the wyte shayne restabrij by the said
Dracont pursue and it is thought for lack
of victell the said Duke of medyna shall be
distressed on the coste from spayne may come
to kyng We have nothing of any contrary
beyng ar contrary ar wyndes and the frenche
fleyt they ar not now newly met but the
L. Admiral is gone of a good company very
sowdly the frenche in the ar in gyse fleyt wyte
wyte is sausenly advertised by yter they more
shall come to my knowlage wyte advise your
Lordship God graunt your long lyff in more
honor from the tower the xxvij. of Jun[illegible]
your L. assured to command

E. Clynton

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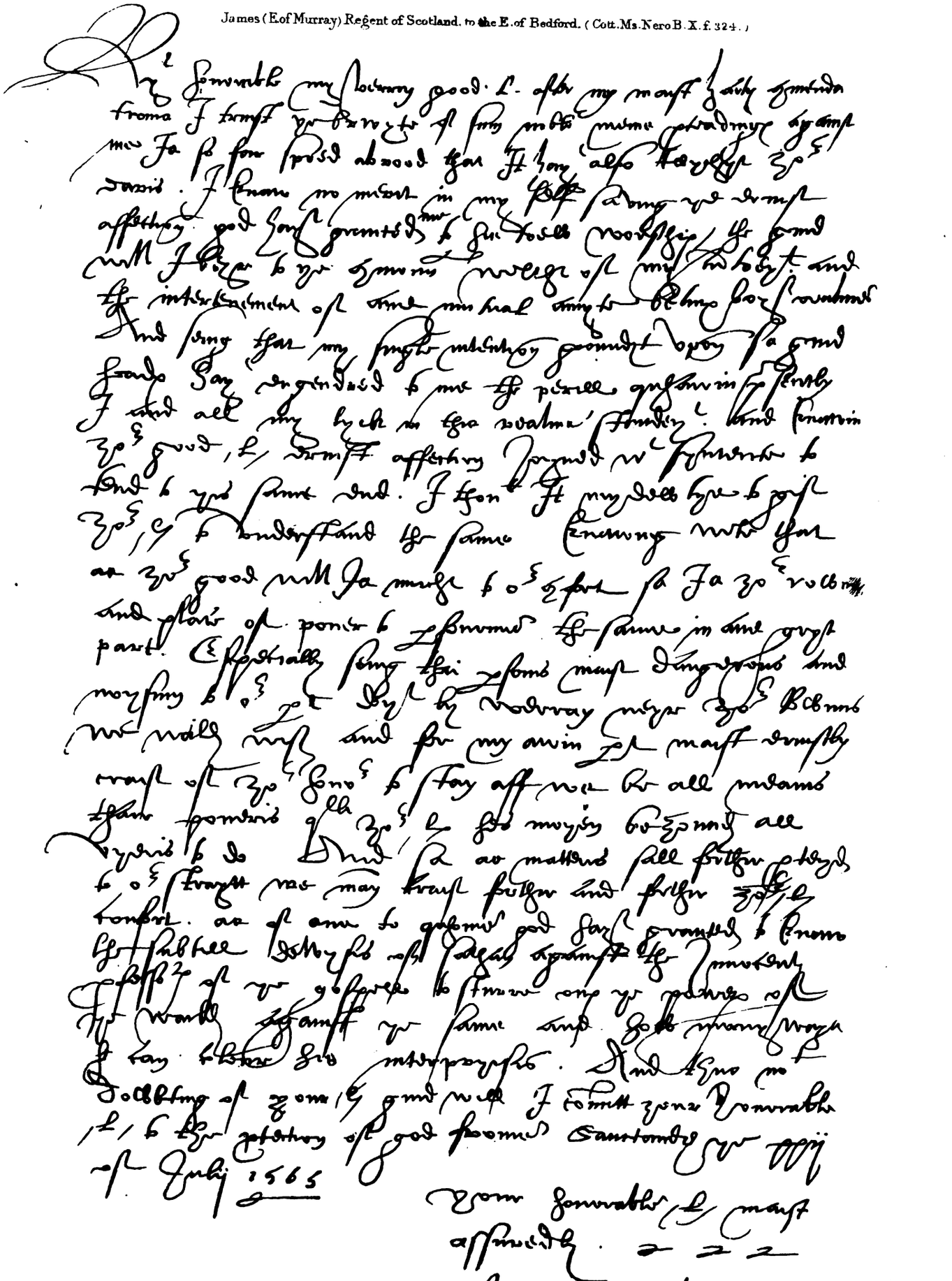
James (E. of Murray) Regent of Scotland, to the E. of Bedford. (Cott. Ms. Nero B. X. f. 324.)



Your honorable lordship my loving good L. after my most hartyly commendacions from I trust yor honorye of my mortal enemye standinge against me I am sure have spoken abroad that I have also kept yor David. I know no mistrust in my self seeing yor honor affectionately and hath granted me to the Queen my sovereyne lady good will I pray to yor honors lordship of my behalf and the interteynement of time mutual amyte betwene her sovereyne and yourselfe that my simple authority goinge upon so good grounde may engendred to me the pitiell qualities specially I and all my kyn to the realme's standing and continuance yor good L. yor most affectionate I would w[illegible] to find to yor same end. I then I myght have to post yor L. to understand the same knowing wth that as yor good will I am minded to o[ur] effect so I am yor redy and plain of power to honour the same in time past. Especially being this honor most dangerous and noysome to o[ur] lyt by Rodvray wherye yor Ld[shipe] we will wish and for my owin I am most humbly trust of yor honor to stay off war for all mislaws than pondered yll yor L. the mayny to yor and all yrs to do. And so as matters fall further stayd to o[ur] straytt war may trust further and further yor L. comfort. as of ane to quhom god hath granted to know the subtell dethyes and sedyes against the innocent people of yr realme to stroye one yr power of yr wrathe against yr same and gode wrong wrage I say I hope his interprysis. And yno no doubting of yor L. good will I committ yor honorable L. to the protection of god from Cantonde yor xxij of July 1565

Yours honorable L. most assuredly

James Stewart

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Edward Hertford, husband of Lady Catherine Grey, to the Lords of the Privy Council. (Harl. Ms. 6993. f. 68.)

My very good Lordes, although I know my ownē ignorance byddeth mē rather be still, then by writing to yō wisdomes marre myne owne tale in telling: yet presuming upon the generall favour yō godly & noble natures shew to all suters I, poore captiff, am bold to lay my griefes as well as I can before yō favorable judgementes. Among wch griefes though myne owne long emprisonment be great; & hers greater, who for my sake hath bydden here longer: yet the greatest grief & inward sorow is the losse of the Queene Maiesties favour through my unfortunate dezert. The recovery whereof resteth only in her highnesse mercy through yō honorable mediations. To offer satisfaction for my offence I am not able, neyther do I seake to excuse my faut, & much less well I enter into the particularities of my case. Only my humble petition is upon this my lowly & reverent submission yō honours willbe meanes to restore mē unto favour. Touching the fine, though it be greater then I am able to beare, yet is it not so great (as if I weare able) I am willing to pay; so as therwth all might be obtained the Queenes Maiesty to be my good & gracious Lady, my former faute forgiven, & some favorable order & end taken in this my unhappy case. And therefore good my Lordes, so indge of mē, as that I think my life, my living, & all yt I have to litle to spend, to remove my gracious Queenes displeasure, & indignation, from mē. Further upon my knees I humbly beseach yō honours to have some favorable remembrance concerning the long captivity of the Queenes

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Highnesse poore kinswoman, & that she & I both, after this long emprisonment may, by release from this thrall, feale the sweete benefite of her Maiesties pardon, whearof all sortes of late haue tasted. Good my Lordes, procure some merciffull consideration & tolerable end of our lamentable estate. Geaue us some occasion by seruice to shew our redy willes, to recompense some part of our faute. Thus, my Lordes, I must needes end before I haue hanlf doon, aswell for not being tedious, as also for that I know your honorable considerations can deale better for our furtherance, then I know to desyre. And thearfore on Gods behanlf, committing thesame into yor honorable handes, & trusting you will interpreti this my writing, according to my good & sound meaning, I cease further to trouble your Lordshippes, & rest in prayer for the Queenes Highnesse long preservation, & your honorable Lordshippes.

Your Lordshippes in all respectes at commaundment.

Bedford.

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Written by Thos Howard, 4th D. of Norfolk, in the Tower of London. (Cott. Ms. Cal. C.III. f 170.)

The lamentable complaynt off my oppressyd mynde.

Althowgh the lord knowythe, I dede man in lawe and allso dede in worldye affectyons neber thought to have putte penne to paper agayne, yeat by profe hauyng ~~effect~~ found I naturall affections ys abll to worke that wyche terror off deathe could not doe, I could not forbeare to wryte thys schort scribblyng therby to explycate the byttir passyons off my mynd. I expectyng the ower when I schuld be comandyd to hasten my selfe to paye the due dette off flesche, and allso to satysfye my fugement in lawe for my dysobedyencye, I wrote as I thowgt my last letter to my ~~[illegible]~~ lyuynge boye, in the wrytyng whereoff I protest befor allmygtye god, natur wrowgt no furder in me then that to admonyche myne I thought somuche off my precyous tyme well bestowyd, partye for good wyll wyche I bare to hym bys brethers and systers but chefye for that I found my selfe bound in conscyence in my last farewell to forwarne them off thoys heynous faults that I found my selfe bourdeed in all, in generalytye because tyme would not permytt me then to enter into pertycularytyes, as allso because I hade att home laythe in my former wrytyngs sufficyentlye admonyched them. Towchyng my forgettyng off my bounden dewtye to allmygtye god and my dysloyall dealings towards my most gratyous (and by experyence I have ~~of~~ wonderfull profe) my most martyrfull soverane ladye Quene, and my sryes. But when the care off the world and ill wordlye affectyons, the feare off deathe, and the byttir compunctyons throff, by the most blessyd strengthyng off me off my omnypotent father in a strong and fyrme faythe in my onlye sabyower Jesus crist, could not move my mortyfyd dede carcyon. Then came warnyng unto me that my tyme was dyffeyrd wyche speche what effect ytt wrowgt in me att the first god knowythe, flesche and blood dewte so stryve in my spyrytuall sowle, but well I remember after in tyme I recoveryd my soden astonyschement I found in my selfe that ytt was not somuche the care betwyne lyfe and deathe that dell so ~~mucke~~ worke in me suche ane amazeiment (wyche be bothe naturall, longe or schorte accordyng to the lordes plesure), But rather to see nature overcume nature wyche in thys my face dede so manye wayes appeare. O lord howe came nature worke to yeald to that wyche ys thowgt to be hurtefull to ytt selfe, No more came ane earthelye prynce suffer a corrupteyd member in ther state. When I nowe wayed my ~~[illegible]~~ extraordynarye state, in my ytt deserts as allso habyng harde yed eben the contynuyng grace off my most gracyous quene syns my condemnatyon ~~to~~ I dede then conceave in my selfe that all thes mercyfull respetts that I have receayd proceayd onlye off her majestyes most gratyous and tenderr harte wyche dede so favre overcume me as ytt bare more vygor and force in me ~~[illegible]~~ and wrowgt that wyche lyfe nor deathe could not presse owte. But o unhappy wrecche ~~that wrecche~~ that I ame that my ytt deserts schuld be suche as that I schuld gebe thes occatyons off passyons to my so worthye and mercyfull my sryes, thus her hyenesse lothnesse to prosecute her lawes agaynste me makes me apen inst grownd to gather, that too natures stryve in here most gracyouse mynde the one for that off here goodnesse, ~~[illegible]~~ her maestye dethe not forgett that I was her poower unworthye kynsmane wyche nowe by my mysdedes am not worthye to clame kynred off my meanest kynsfolkes muche lesse ones to thynke what sumtyme I was to her most excellent maestye. The other for that ytt schuld seame that my wrecheyd lyfe schuld be thowgt to breede parell to soe blyssyd a sovereyn. O lord god yff the cace stand so alas whye schuld I lyve one daye to breede but suche a feare in her hyenesse most gratyous harte but yff the contynuance off my lyfe schuld breede parell to so precyouse a phenyx whye rather schuld not I ~~rather~~ be putte to a hundred deathes, and whye schuld that naturall affectyon off her maiestye wyche in kynred off my just deserves I have ~~[illegible]~~ lost beare more swaye in her then I care off here owen most royall person whyche her nearest nature dothe move her to be most carefull off, and the fetyrye off thys owre naturall cuntrye dothe onlye stande bye. god off hys mercyfull goodnesse putte in to her hyenesse harte that wyche maye make most ~~[illegible]~~ for the suertye off her maiestyes most pryncelye person, and my deathe maye eye maye serve therunto I ame sorye that I have not a thowsand lyves that I mygt yeald the one to the satysfactyon off her hyenesse lawes, and that mygt satysfyd the rest eye ware that mygt ether serve or stande her maiestye, my overmerryfull sovereyn ladye and my sryfe. My dysobedyent deserts have been suche as I knowe not howe I came ever deserve lyfe, nor yeat came I be so impudent

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as ones to have one onlye thought that I schuld presume to sue for that wyche my yll deserts
hathe so justlye lost. thys onlye I wyll prayse to god for, that yll maye be hys holye wyll to geve
me grace ether wth my lyfe yff yll please hire hyenesse vnseservydlye to graunt yll, or wth my
deathe to make as muche satysfactyo wth the one or the other as for my offenceys in thys world chefflye
comyttyd agaynst her most gracyous maiestye. And then yll my wrechyd deathe cane best serve
her hyenesse I most humblye beseche the heavenlye lord to putt in her most gracyous mynde
to doe that wyche maye be most for her maiestyes safetye, and to strengthen me wth hys holye spryttle in
my faythe onlye my Jesus Cryst that I maye dye hys true repentant servant, yll otherwyse my lyfe maye enye wayes
be able to make suche lytle recompence for the number off my great offencys done to her hyenesse then
I doe most humblye beseche hys deryne godheade that yll wyll please hyme to putt into her
maiestyes most mercyfull mynd that wyche maye enable me to make proffe yea even w^th
the last drope off my humble blood, howe fayne I wold veatie thys & my wrechyd carcase to
doe her hyenesse the best servys that myght lye in myne smale power, in what state or degree
so ever allthough yll were neiter so base or meane. Well I wyll end thys my lamentable
wrytyng wth thys prayer that yll wyll please my almyghtye father for hys deare sonne Jesus
crystes sake, to graunt me grace whether I lyve or dye that yll be to hys honor and
glorye, and to the satysfactyo off my most gracyous soveraynne ladye and mystrys and
yll yll were hys holye wyll that her maiestye knewe the secrets off my inward
harte. and then her hyenesse schuld knowe that whether I lyved or dyyd I wyll
by gods grace doe nether the one nor the other but as fure as my repentant mynd
could, to her maiestyes most safetye, honor, and servys. whom I beseche the heavenlye
lord for hys mercyes sake longe to preserve, and send her manye servants wyche
maye beare her as true harte as I now doe, and att my last breathe by gods grace
schall, howsoever hertofor most dysloyallye I forgott my selfe Amen 12 Febr. 1571

By the wrechyd hand off hyme that lokyd not to have
bene a lyve nowe in thys world. But god and her maiestyes
wyll be done Amen. Tho Howard.

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Robert Dudley E. of Leicester to Walsingham. 1578. Cott: MS Vesp F1. fol. 83.

I have not yet been by her Ma. who brought me after
dyner fro her. R. J: mother and mynyse, wher I perceave
hath remained very good opinion of my dewtyfull ser
fortheranse of her matter of marriage wth her J. and
I have brought good words from her agayn, for her
he desired sorye dysparge. So wyllyng I have knowed her
state of that matter, w̄ only dothe stand upon her
~~[illegible]~~ determyn for religion for her and will
by no meanes relent. All other articles as touchyng
her mat hath shewed her demanded of the Emba.
I hath dysparged her some of yt w̄ I think will
wt her liking. For her other point touchyng
[illegible], as I mysyll adyse her her should
not speake of yt at all, for sorrow and her mat
would be displeased to heir her poyse hym shull hand her
Jusyst his her to be her husband. Hym by any
contract or other dyrecaway. And pendyng her mat
dysposed her agreement of that ~~matter~~ point to procede
as her hath bound in her matter, I cannot but pray
of very good sorrowfull w̄ pray yt he wyll
shew mat sorrow, I hope of his grace all good to her
ranse of [illegible], I must dysyre well of further of
that I may according to the adyse wherof I thank yt
I may [illegible] to the yt rendreance herof.
The Emba shull further declare to yt of my mynd
to yt pr yt I know. his to be [illegible]
and dewtyfull to her mat, I pray yt [illegible]
[illegible] wt most hartly remembrance. I pray yt further
to hyst [illegible] yt of June wt assured frend

R. Leicester

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My good Lorde I hoolde are to Let you Understand,
that thys gentleman, now after he hathe halpyd to sere forward the thynge contenyyd in the Comyssion for the musters,
as the tyme wolde suffer, for the cause onelye bearing hys
Journey towardes London, of hym selfe he returnyd hytheyr.
And how he intynyth uppe to goo thyrrow the hys accounts
——— wherin he desyrethe your L. good fauhor, yf he may
——— ——— came one to a good end. and for yf ~~purpose~~
he hath desyred my Lres to your L. at thys tyme. yn hys
——— ——— good seruys, so well knowne to your L. dothe
~~require your honoure~~ rightye most suffycientlye for hym.
We have here begunne the musters, and in sum places I
~~have~~ gone my selfe, for my better knowledge of the Countrye,
and settyng forward of the seruys, then else I wolde have seen;
wheare surelye I founde greate numbers of talle men,
and a people most wyllynge and readye to serue hyr ma^ty
even in Craven, wheare they are most ignorant of god and
religion. So as yf they may have good guydes, in my opinion
no parte of thys realme ~~by~~ dothe breede better subjectes, then
they wyll be heare. lets your L. dyd once wrytte, ~~meanye~~ more
persons of honor then now be heare, I
kind Justice, mygh^t be heare well bestowyd, to the gorye of god
service of the Prince, and Comforte of the Countrye. but one greate
one of of contrarie dispositon, may doo heare muche more harme
then in any parte of the realme, ye. I know. I was at Skipton.
wheare I gave summons the maketh me remember thys now. I trust
the youngye Lorde be well brought uppe. of late he had sum of
hys countrye men attendyng upon hym, but yf he had, none yet wear
the better. I am sure none can be more desyrous to graffe in hym all
vertue, then the good Earle who ys hys gardeyn. I feare to trowble
your L. and therfor do desyre of your lardshyp fauor for the bearer,
and do wyshe to you of all felicitte in the Lorde, I take my leave
yorke the 26. of Aprill. 1575. your L. assured to bid

Huntyngdon.

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Sir Wm Maitland of Lethington, to Lord Burghley. (Cott. Ms. Cal. C. IV. f. 86.)

My Lord the malice off ye Enemyes to the more forwardness
against you yt they have shew you standeth by the Q. maties will
so mow do other things at her highnes hands And therfore you
doubt not but they will go about by all meanes possible to
procure ye mischefe. yea yt their cholerik mynds shall bande
they de stat industrye to crave of blood at her maties hands
But yet for ought the malice he you can not have yt
shall take such knowing yt her hole gracious inclination you
have to do yt shall ministre so many good proofes to the world
off her clemency & mylde nature yt you can not mistrust
yt the first occasion off the contrary shall have shewed upon
yt you take this to be her crave naturall parcere
subiectis & debellare superbos. you have standed of selfe to her
maty wth do or done Countrymen you would rather have done
for the extremity my labor toward / you trust her maty will
not put yt out off her hands to make any other to
prolong of mortall Enemyes of ye maistes / if she will
pleasure her maty to extend her most gracious clemency
towardes you she may be as assured to have you yt notably
at her devotion as any off this nation you and any subiect
off her crown. for more yt you doubt you may obliege ye
selfe to her maty farther they before you my and
her maty shew her will by me you yt notably by the
causes you are by you must confess you are off small value
yet may her maty put you by cause yt shape greater some
way you will be able to serve her maty turne / yt occasion
bringes offered assuredly the shall no lacke off good
will / yt E. knowes already yt of ye must do / you
pray yt E. to further it / the lawes rather thy mere pleasing
yt E. friend sir my standed by before stand / and yt

have offentymes heretofore tasted thereof so now humbly
pray youre honor to be and continue mediator unto him off his
gracious mercy notwithstanding we have more cause thereby now
had wherefore of deservinge have been bryed and yet owne
good naturall inclynacion by youre L. mediacion her matie hathe now youre
Lll have not yet totally bound to do youre honour / besides yet
now will endeavour of perfect to make so good report to her
matie yt now doubt not but all same occasion to think her
here shall be stood / but not by misreports off of
enemyes prevaile against us / wherefore as by her matie
handes we may make off us / what pleasethe her / what soever
shall worke for of perfect now rest also for your L. honour
wherein is knowne but a true so knowe gentlemen yt hath
that bountyes off all yt knowe sing both in Engl. so both
he is as ready minded as now are to labour her matie
hathe of poiller able to do her highnes as greater shewe
as any subiect off state. more doubtfull / we have
received yet some tokens of bilitter so to report to youre L.
by mouth yt wherein of Lin now have omitted / the
matter touching us shewe yt matieth not to trouble
youre L. with no more / they were tedious so that now will
end with labouring of labour at youre L. hands this
first off June 1573

youre L. alway to at
commandement

Northumberland

N. Sussex

Sr: to wrynkyd a sharpe message that Mr D: wilson saithe yo' willed him to sait to me, determinyng certaine straungers, for lack of advertisment of information yo' L: is offended. / Howe standeth the case, I am not greatlie sarke to my utermoste habilitie to provide for straungers, yoyse that I have always pitied. Deus novit. / As for Domine Montgomerie & those ministers of Armynie sayled, I did not onelie provide by collection a good portion, but also gave them of my owne purse a large and in honest portion amongst them, yoyse I have not yet mynge blased, nor entende not, lest other men delighte in their gloria patri, I will do but yoyse I can quietlie. / I sawe a letr that yo' LL: shoulde sende to the Bushoppe of London that we shoulde provide for an Frisse bushoppe. / The truthe is one Frisse bushoppe came to me yoyse I retained at my table, and gave him certaine drownes. / The Italian Mr Alexander yppon yo' letters I retained him both friendlie and gentlie, I thinke he cannot sait the contrarie, I gave him also certaine ffrenche drownes, I retained him at my boarde. and otherwyse in my hall yoyse he commethe. / I offered him also his entertainement within my howse, & to provide him hynge necessarie. / My L: of Bedforde and himselfe refused it, as not convenient. I signified unto him that the Q: ma^tie might give him the next dignitie of a prebende in Canterbrie Quiere, but yo' L: liked not that, as to him I did promise my diligence in the same. I also gave written for him to retayne of my Bretherin, for sum prebende, but I heare not that they have anie voide yet. I wrote to the B: of Elie for him, for a prebende in

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in his church, he writeth unto me that he hath sent pap out to yō
for him for the most pordante / Also I am contented that he may
hunt out of the prebends wch I gave in Chamberbrit thurgh for the
advansions of the same till they fall. / Furthermore one malachias
sumtime an Irish Bishopp, wch hath been longe in prison, —
wch wn I knowe that he gave papistrall dommell to him of my
fonlke comingt to visitt them, but now he saithe he is reformed fro
papistrie, and saithe yō fare him, and that yō are aboute to give
him an Irishe Archbishoprikie / He came to me to require of
pluralitie, but I tolde him it shoulde be a dommedam that he
must set firste for at the Q: handes, and I woulde give him
my fete and dismissed him and gave him an honest pte of godes. /
If yō knewe the trutte of my habilitie, yō shoulde see I doe
asmuche as I can, I am not gathere nor will be, whatsoever the
prate abroade. / Coram Deo non mentior, I am compelled to borrowe
twtie halfe yeare before my mynte runneth in for my owne
tenure; Excepting a little money that I gave to bury
me, I have not superfluisit / sed hæc domestica &c. /
As I was thus writinge mr Alexander Ditolinus came to dinne,
not sittinge with my selfe, for that I am distemperd, & kepe
my chamber, he dined in the hall, after dinner I showed him
words of the advanse of that prebende that the B: of Eli
shoulde give him, and I ranged him to be asked, whether he
wouldde goe with me into Kente, he made no grunte thereto,
but woulde first commen with yō or my L: of Bedforde. /
And I commende yō L: to the tuition of almightie god.
From my howse at Lambithe this xviij of Aprill. /

yō L: lovinge frende in Christe. /

Matt Cantuar

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Philip Howard E of Arundel to L. Burghley (Lansd. Ms. 20. f. 58.)

My bounden good Lo. as your Lo great curtesie hath ever embolden'd me to trouble you further, then otherwise I dare have presumed; so emboldned as well by your honour. Discretion, as also in respect prescribed by your Lo. rueful sight of my Overthrowe. to write at this present unto her Ma'ty. I have according by effeared my bounden duty, with the remembrance of the same unto your Lo. Praying the consideration of the endeed to be as well favourable, ouerlooked by your grave judgment; as also the imperfections and errours, to be amended and supplied by your Lo. perfect wisdome. And as your Lo. that I bound meet unto her ma'ty the chief defender of my Noble and her royall estate; so by your singular favours, bringe the mere enforced thereunto, I most dearly do beseech Allmighty God to adde unto your Worthy vertuous daily, such increase of heaps of good fortune, that the happy equalled, to the comfort of all your friends, many years bringe. the blessed fruitfull of such excellent ambes. And by God this last of December

Your Lo. most bound
bee and obedient to expend
Sonne. Phil Howard.

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Walter Devereux, E. of Essex, to the Lord Treasurer (Harl. MS. 6992, f. [illegible])

My good Lord. I humbly thank your L: for your Letters sent by this bearer to mr Attorney & to ye Solicitor, in furderance of my Causes: but most for your Lrd and grave advise to my self, wch I will follow, wt such patience as it maste for ~~sufferance~~ thys, that are borne to any crosse though I must confesse, that losse of credit and wealth are grevious afflictions to such as be of ~~any~~ one sort, that cannot retyre out ~~them~~ selves out of ye Eie of ye World, as men of meanner callyng may. It semith ye her maty, by giving order for ye stayeng of my debt, (this ~~opinion~~ whereof appeareth under mr Secretaries hand) hath resolved to make this her last benefit, wt out respect ~~other~~ of my Credit, ~~other~~ other heare, or in Ireland. Wherin I have published my greefe wt such considerations, as her maty ~~lord~~ ~~fors~~ sinis by this, you and within these 10 daies, wt greeting Wordes, did give me ranse to hope constantly of her. I protest that as the first ranse of my going was ye publique benefit of both realms, and her maties final service, and my authoris note to go ~~against~~ aim wt Like mind; so I will wt as small ~~grudging~~ misliking as so great losse of ~~expences~~ and my meerie fast dishonor ~~blow~~, will suffer, ~~to~~ accept this disfavors wt a patience and great mynd, and thynk every thing

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equall that her maty shall impose vpon me
for she is my only Soueraigne, And as bees and dos
haue Drawers not to this opinion: So in the
mids of my troubles, I find this a principall
comfort, that your L: both weighth with me
so exceeding friendly and withdrawith not your
good opinion ~~which~~ wch y Hardnes of my fortune
for wch I will allwais bee thankfull to
your L: This rest that your sith my busyn
I referre to the bearer; being now ready to goe
towards Greenford to meet wth my L: of Oxford,
to whos referre I am heartily glad. And so
wishing your L: health I committ you to God
All Drayton House ye 17 of April 1596

Your L: most affected
to Comander.

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Sir Christ. Hatton to Burghley (Harl. Ms 6993 f. 21)

I most humbly thank your good Lordship your honorable admonishment, touching the remnant in the time of great personage. I shall at this difficulty all my direction for order to regarde this, untill I be more fully informed both of his qualities, & condition of state. If I permitte too longe, that I depositie have this Prince as a man in displeasure. Beside in our sentence of his Lordship refuge for his state. I realitie sir, the Queene, my mary, that longe I do Lords letters sure, neither do know where for find him; for do I know not yet we to learne. Nor yet in semaroy I might amend it in this matter. Onlye I must stay, untill the sentence was made of Leicester, & then I hope sir my Lord of Bedford will assume, his state, & accomplishe my most gracious and good Lord. The offer of your Lordship: unto the will altogether I will give no order for lays in his possessions) & assuredly I think he will retay in this estate wodie. But as I learne the more resolute, so will I speedily advertise your good Lr my L of Leicester his resolute Admitance but in slow tenete of attaynment to his satisfaction. But not for my above note I have sum sitte sayd then strictlye begin and observatine, yo must all lost patience for a while. This he wott too mch a been wishe Lord in this rest of his. The report wherein fer mat take my reasonable good gracious note by the next messenger I will heartilye weight for the conference. I pray God bless your Lr w all his honorable friends. At Lat from the court at Richmond this 12 of marche 1587

Your Lordshipe most bound

Chr Hatton

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My very good Lord I have reccaved your comfortes our
lre, wherin your L doth commend to me, y honorable ca
that your state and price now in hand doth refer, whereof
truly my Lord I do assure your ma his a portion of my
care and travell for many respects, to y furtherance of
your own honor than if it war to most mani
kynsmen in blode, and for y avancement of y adho
if I should not w all y powers of my hart
continually both wish and work avancement thereof
I war to be an accursed pson in y sight of God
Considering y end of this action first to y
glory of God, to y safety of y Q. pson, to y prosper
of this realm in ye pyrhall gones, wherein
for my pheaver future sett both for my self and
my posteriti, I have as much fehrsfr as any
of my degree. And this I pray your my Lord
that a frendly accept of me. and for my
doguy I referred y unjust to Mr Secretary, who
hath this afternoon hard me in most terms
sort dealt w. his Maty, to favor and maintain you
and your adho, as the softy meanes sat that yone
to serving his safety
for my coach in my chamb. not yet hathe to rei
fro w. God send your L a speedy good passage
this 21 of Decb. 1585 Your L
assured as my

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Cosin. I am harily sorry wth the vnkyndnes
you conceau of my Lord. and more at ye causes
thereof. I know by letters thence and son
speeches heer y He was much incensed becaus he
had heard ye you had utterly and with scorne
disclaimed him with mislyke of the aueptance
but I did neuer think he had writtne ~~there~~
sonking you into England. For my part
I will for no cause deny (and therefore you
shall have my handwrytyng to prove I am no
auser of you) y I was euer of opinion
he should accept it without delai, becaus
of ye necessity without sending to Ma^ty
becaus of ~~nat~~ forcing her in a maner
to be fowre engaged then she wold. wch had been
a peece of an vndutiful dutifulnes. The
odds was ye son Hers wear of opinion
ye Antwerp was not inough, you lyked of
his as it is. and I daily lent to your
opinion therein. well cosin these
mistakinges sompymes breed hard effectes. but
I know he in his iudgment lyes very
very well. how so euer in his passion
he have writen. and so I end assuring
you ye I am still one toward you as are
I know you and therefore commend you.
commend me to my cosin and. God preserue
you both. At Flysing this 14th of April

your most loving cosin
Ph- Sidney

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Robert Devereux, E. of Essex, to ——. (Harl. 286 f. 144.)

Sr

I pray you have care of my Cosin Fouke Greuill for his company of Launces. The opinion of service encreasth and he is allready at the Camp you shall do him and me a great favor to cause his dispatch. for myselfe I made yesterynight a resolute end wth the Q. M^tie for she told me of herselfe, that she would not have me discontented though she disposed of the office of M^tr generall of the horse about her person on some other wch she did resolue upon. I told her M^tie I cold be as well content to serue her privately in the field as to take an office here wth such conditions. Upon wensday I meane to goe to the Camp wch I do humbly desire you to further for as you well know yt is not now fitt for me to tary here. And so recomending my Cosin Greuills suite to your speedy remembrance I humbly take my leave from your horse at midnight this 29th of July. 1588

Yours most faithfully

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Lord Mountjoy to Q. Elizabeth. (Cott. Ms. Vesp. F.XIII.f.287.)

Sacred Mat^ie

Yf while I labor to hew downe this overgrowen tree off rebellion, your Mat^ie do but marke how muche is yet uncutt, you will thinke my worke to bee farr from the ende, but iff you voutsafe to take how neere the axe wch you have given me is to the harte off the tree, it will appear how easely iff you now force it wth youre fayre and myghtye hande wth a mydayne thonghe but a shorte strongthe, it will fall wth his owne weyghte. Iff I did loue my wages better then my mistrys, I should desyre to bee hyred by the day, and to prolonge my worke, but I have taken this ease in greate; in great obedience, for it was by youre absolute comandemente, in great desyre to accomplishe it, for it is my dewtey. and I do labor in it wth so greatte Ieale and sincerity, that I am nott affrayde off the eye of my mistrys, but wisch thatt w^hatsoever is bethwen her bryghte syght, and the labors off my harte were transparent; iff my trauayles be desperable to youre Mat^ie I have my ende, and desyre no greater reward; and iff I with all thatt I have may stopp the gulfe off theas wars, by throwinge my sellfe to bee swallowed upp thearin, I shall dye a happye and a contented Curtius, and one gratius thought off yours thrown after mee shalbe more precius then all the ieewells off the ladeys off Rome; but while I live O lett me live in youre favor, for I am youre

Mat^ies truest servant

Mountjoye

8th June, 1600

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T. Sackville, E. of Dorset, to Sir Julius Cæsar. 1606. (Cæs: M.S. 12507. fol: 9.)

Mr Chancellour / for that the K. ma^ty returneth
on monday next by 4 of the clok after dinner
and will lodge for reason of a matter that
doth concern his special service / I in wch your
assistance is also specially commanded by his ma^ty
therefore I must pray you not to faile to be at
my house betweene one & 2 in the afternoone
the morrow being monday / for that without
you I can not perfect that service according to
his ma^ty commandment in that behalf / wherof I
must wagger you not to faile in no wise
And so I rest

your very loving
assured friend
T Dorset

sonday 22 march
1606 Dorset house

To my verrey loving friend
Sir Julius Cæsar knight
Chancellour of ye exch^qr

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Henry Wriothesley 3d E. of Southampton to . . . . . (Cott: M.S. Vesp: F. XIII.)

I have sent you herewith a peticion delivered unto mee in the behalf of certayne poore men dwellinge att Gosport who have been hardly used by winter, who under-cottor of beinge Captayne of the Kinges pinnace hath comitted many insolencies, as also a rowte of divers other his misdeameanors with the neglect of his duty as charge, all w^ch & much more (as I am informed) will bee proved agaynst him, if it will please my Lo Grace Seale to appointe some to examen the parties that unplayne, or some other dwellinge theraboutes, who will bee redy to justify these thinges if more, but they beinge poore men would bee verry undoone if they should goe to London to bee examined, wherfore my Lo: weare best to appoint my: who hee shall thinke fitt to take their examinations heere in the contry. My Lo: Shandos hath writ for I heare no newes of him as am therfore uncertayne of my cominge into the phaynes but if I come you shall heare from mee otherwise I hope wee shall meete att your returne till wch time wishinge you good sport I rest

your assured friend

H SOUTHAMPTON

the 17 of Octob.

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Lady Arabella Stuart (Seymour) to the Privy Council. (Harl. Ms. 7008. f. 92.)

To the right honorable, the Lords of his
Ma.ty most honorable privy counsell.

Right honorable and my very good Lords. I am constraind
to trouble you, rather then be guilty of the danger of
life wherein Hugh Crompton, and Edward Reeves,
two of my servants lately comitted to the Marshalsea
for my cause, remaine. I am informed diuerse neare
that prison, and in it, are lately dead, and diuerse
others sicke of contagious and deadly diseases.
Wherefore I humbly beseech your Honors to comiserate
their distresse, and consider that they are servants,
and accountable for diuerse debts and reckninges,
which if they should dy would be a great
preiudice to me and others. And therefore I humbly
beseech you to moue vnto his Ma.ty my most
humble suite and theirs, that it will please his
Ma.ty they may be remoued to some other healthfull
Aire.

Arbella Seymoure.

J. Millendorf fec.

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Sir Kenelm Digby to Sir R. Cotton. (Cott. MS. Vesp. F. xiii. Fol. 222.)

Noble Sir,

By y.r permission I send you here enclosed two Letters for Oxforde, one to M.r James the other to M.r Allen; both w.ch I beseech youEtt be sent vnder y.r cover. If you thinke fitt, you may please to take notice to M.r Allen how I report my selfe to be much bound to him for his friendly giving me his Bookes and papers; and to thanke him in my behalfe; and to confirme his choice of me, & such motives as may occurre to you; and to advise him to settle them in a direct and legall manner. You may be bold to assure him, that in my handes they will not be w.th less honorable memorie of him then in any mans else; nor can they be w.th anybodie that will gladlier communicate them to them that can make use of them: w.ch are the two ends he hath reason to looke after in disposing of them; And besides I believe he will say I have not merited the least regard among his frendes. I pray you also write to M.r James what you shall judge may conduce to his endeavours to this my desire; whom I should be glad (if it may be done fitly) might make a catalogue of all the Bookes, papers, and instruments; and then might also be a witnesse to M.r Allens giving them to me. All w.ch I referre to y.r wisedome and good directions.

I was yesterday att the Court, where there was honorable mention of you att my Lord of Dorsets and in presence of my Lord Treasurer, w.ch occasion I failed not to

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take hold of to do you all the right I could; And truly I must tell you that I finde very good inclinations towardes you, and I attribute the not clearing of y.r Businesse onely to a certaine slownesse that unlesse it be quickened now accompanieth all thinges; and that quickening must proceede mainely from y.r selfe; y.r frindes can but dispose thinges fairely, y.r owne sollicitation must be the ground to moove upon; and I doubt not but you will have a faire passage. In negotiating all w.ch and all thinges else that may be of service to you, I will employ my selfe w.th as much affection and heate as any servant you have. I pray you excuse me, I waite not on you my selfe now, for I am not very well and my coach is came; within a few dayes I will attend you, but I thinke I shall first go to Court againe — where I will not omitt to remember serving you if I can. Thus kissing y.r handes, I rest

Charterhouse yard this
pocknt thursday —

y.r humble servant

Kenelme Digby

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Sir Ed.d Cecil (aft.: Visct Wimbledon) to * * * * (Cæs: M.S. 12507.

Right honorable

I meete w.th y.r favors in so many of my occasions that I were happie, if in this ~~occasion~~ imployment wherein I am, or by any indeavour I could yeeld y.r ho: some reall testimony, of my humble respect & service to y.u, beseeching y.r ho.r to continue that noble inclination to mee, for besides the encouragement, I hand by it, I shall hand cause to hope that y.r plentifull & honorable assistance & good wishes will bring w.th them good success to the action whether I am going, though by this lamentable accidente of the French K. we ster but w.th leaden heles. if the French aydes should fayle wee all hope that his Ma.: will iudge the supporting of the Princes an action so full of religion & honor, that he will ioyne w.th they states in supplying royally the want of those French Lewies w.out w.ch indeed the cause must loose reputation & the House of Austria be invited, to put abroad his horns & brag that our side can not fiend a ~~defender~~ protecter, noe mouse can better iudge of these things the y.r honor so that it were ill manners to speake more of it. All service & be thankfull to y.r worthy Lady, for that curtesie I fiend by my wives letter. she ~~affordes my noble~~ her I desire that my service to her La: & both y.r worthy daughters may be remembered, & that y.r ho. will ever estime mee

y.r ho.

most affectionat friend & servant

Ed: Cecill

from the Hague the last of May.

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Marq. (after Duke of Buckingham) to K. James 1st. 1623. Harl: M.S. 6987. fol: 23.

Dere dad and Gosope

The cheefest aduertiment of all, wee omitted in one offer letter which was to let you know how wee like your daughter, his wife, and my lade mistris, without flattarie I think there is not a sweeter creature in the world. Babie charles him selfe is so tuchd at the hart, that he confesses all he ever yett saw is nothinge to her, and swares if that he want her there shall be blowe, I shall lose no time in hasteing there coniunction, in which I shall gete him her you and my selfe most of all in thereby getting libertie to make the speedier haste to lay my selfe at your feete, for never none longed more to be in the armes of his mistris, so craueing your blessing I end

Your humble slaue and dogge

Steenie

I haue inclosed two or three letters of the conde of Oliuares to Gundemar where by you will iudg of his kind carefulnes of your some

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Dudley Carleton Visct Dorchester to Sir R. Cotton. (Cott. M.S. Vesp. F. XIII.)

Sr

now we have left rowling our progress and are come to a place of more setledness I will intreat the favour of you if had at my comming last fro my howse in the lone of that booke of letters of Sr Thomas Moore and Fisher, wch this bearer my servant will bring safely into me. and withall if you will lett me have the perusal of such special writings you have touching the Admiraltie, ~~when~~ it will be a double obligation: whereof I will studie to acquit my self in all things wch concerne yr favours and ever rest

yours to be comaunded

Dorchester

Hampton court
this 27 of 7bre 1628.

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Noble Sr

'Tis weak for me that letters cannot blush, else you would easily make me guilty. I am ashamed of so long a silence and know not how to excuse it for as nothing but business can speake for me, of wch kinde I have many advocates so can I not tell how to call any business greater than holding an affectionate correspondence with so excellent a friend. My only confidence is I plead at a Barr of love, where absolutions are much more frequent then censures. Sure I am that conscience of neglect doth not accuse me, though evidence of fact doth. I would add more but yr entertainment of a stranger friend calls upon me; and our other unavoidable occasion; hold me excused therefore dear friend; and if you vouchsafe me a letter let me beg of you to teach me some thrift of time; that I may imploy more in yr service who will ever be

Yr faithfull forward & affectionate friend

J. Hampden

Hampd: Mar. 21. 1631

Commend my service to yr brother if he be gone to his colours.

To my honoured and dear friend Sr John Eliott at his lodging in the Tower

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Earl of Strafford to Lord Conway - 1640. - (Coll: T. C. Croker Esq:)

My Lorde.

I haue receaued yours of the twelfte of this moneth, and here giue you thanks for it. This Parliament hath giuen Subsedies fowre, and expressins, declaration, and Ordinance of Parliament, byyonde beleefe, to supplie his Maty further, to the vttermost of ther abilities, as the occasion shall require, and to my owne particulare shewen as much confidence and beleefe of my respect and affections towards them, as is possible. wch I trust will haue his operation in your Parliament of England, as allre with ~~ye~~ the Couenanters of Scotland. Perchance within tow or three moneths My Lord of Holland his Excellence may finde, that howeuer I may be to him, yet that I am not that hatefull person to god and man wch he reported me; I weare I take myself to be fame better beloued then himself, by as many as know vs both, intus et in cute, as they say.

wee are infinitely busye in ordering and praiuding our tewies of eight thousande foote, wch I trust shallbe on foote by the middst of May, with a thousande horse, thirtye peeces of Cannon, and all other incidents belonging the men and Ordnance, soe as you are beholden unto me in this presse for writing myself

Dublin 28th of March 1640.

your Lps most faithfull humble seruant.

Strafford

I begin my iurney towards England on wednesday next godwilling

Lo. Conway.

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Prince Rupert to the Marq[s] of Newcastle. (Sloan Ms. 1519 fol. 10.)

My Lord

I am not going to Shewbery as I hop
neerer your Lops here I doubt not
I better be able to assist you wt
I assure shall be done as far as mutch I shall
be able the messenger is such hast
that I have not leave to sai any
more therefore I shall only assure
you that I am for ever

My Lord

Your faithfull
friend & servant

Rupert

Worcester this 18
of Feb 1643

[1] Withe-dist. facsim.

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Mr. Speaker.

Besides the Generall Account, I have already given, by one of my servants whom I sent up to London yesterday - I thought fitt this bearer Mr Boles who may more particularlie inform you. Concerninge the Abundant goodness of God to this Armie, and the whole kingdome in the late victorie, obtayned att Naseby Feilde. the whole body of theire foote, pieces and taken, such a sight of the prisoners Could bee made up in this shorte time I have sent. The horse all quitted the Feilde; and were pursued within three miles of Leicester. Theire Ammunition, ordnance, & Carriages, all taken. Among wch there were, two demy Cannon, a whole Culverin and a mortar peice. besides lesser peices: we intend to move to Leicester as soone as we have taken order with ye prisoners, and wounded men: All that I desire, is, that the honor of this greate & never to bee forgotten mercie, may bee given to God in an extraordinary day of thanksgivinge; And that it may bee improved to the good of his Church, & this Kingdome: wch shall bee faithfullie endeavoured by: Sr

Your most humble servant

Thos Fairfax

Harborough June 15. 1645

Some Irish man among the prisoners as I am informed. I have not time to make inquiry into it: I desire they may be secured att aboue according to ordnance of Parliament

Mayor of Lond. shot through his side. but notwithstanding
her Continued in the Feild: with great reputation; Ano when I
desired him to go off Feild. He answered, he would not goe for
Eng as a man should, & still do ye his offices as a valiant
night Commander. Major Butler, & Col. Graton vpon theire first charge
were both dangerlie wounded, behaueing themselves very gallantly; the
Foulds entervening; much might be spoken of ye resolute & valiant
Courage of many Commanders both Horse & Foote in this day's Actiuee.

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Sr it hath pleased God to raise me out of a dangerous sickness, and I doe most willingly acknowledge, that the Lord hath (in this visitation) exercised the bowells of a Father towards me. I received in my selfe the sentence of death, that I might learne to trust in him that raiseth from the dead, and have noe confidence in the flesh. It's a blessed thinge to dye daylie, for what is there in this world to be accounted off, the best men accordinge to the flesh, and thinges, are lighter then vanitye. I finde this only good, to love the Lord, and his poore despised people, to doe for them, and to be readie to suffer w.th them, and he that is found worthy of this, hath obtayned great favor from the Lord, and ~~He that is~~ established in this, shall ~~(after conformity w.th~~ bringe conformed to Christ, and the rest of the bodye) participate in the glory of a resurrection, w.ch will answere all.

Sr, I must thankfully confesse your favor in your last letter, I see I am not forgotten, truly to be kept in your remembrance is very great satisfaction to me, for I know the quantitie I can say in the simplicitie of my heart, I put a high and true value upon your sr. mr. Rushworth will write to you about the quartering the letter lately sent you, and when I forgetthy I shall doe to be a grateful, and an honest man, I thinke I forbeare most humble begg my service may be presented to your Lady, to whom, with all happinesse, and establishment in the truth, sr my prayers are for your excellencies most humble servant OLIVER CROMWELL.

March, y.e 16 1647 as becomes

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Sr. I have ~~[illegible]~~ the best consideration I can for the present in this business, and although I believe Capt. Hubbert is a worthy man, and heard soe much, yett as the case stands, I cannott with satisfaction to my selfe, and somethinge ~~other~~ revoke that commission I had given to Capt. Empson, wch w^out offence to them, and reflection upon my owne judgment, I pray Capt. Hubbert knowe I shall not bee unmindfull of him, and that noe disespect is intended to him. But indeed I was not satisfied with your last speech to mee about Empson, that Hee was a better preacher then a fighter or souldier or words to that effect. Truly I thinke Hee that prayes & preaches best will fight best. I know nothinge will give like courage and confidence as the knowledge of God in a poore creature, and I pray God to see day in this Army and all others, and wishes to see encouraged by all Christ officers in this Army to all, and to pray for good soldiers against Capt. Empson, lowinge his ~~[illegible]~~ and every good man and officer, I would desire you to satisfie your Comissioners

Oliver Cromwell

Dec. 25. 1650

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My Lord:

By ye hands of this trusty Bearer I depose & pray yor of this paper remembrance & salutacon from him who lieth upon ye publick & his own private account is verie much yor Debtor. & with other yor poore friends here prayes for & adores ye manifestacon of godly gracious presence wth you in all yor weighty affaires wch as they are undertaken in zeale to godly glory & his peculiar good, will through ye contynuance of ye same divine presence & mercy be crowned wth desirable success, & wch power belong to God in ye nation where you are will in ye close of all make hand tyme God Dan & will tame ye proud stubborne spirits & so convince them of their hypocrisie who create you all this trouble & give a merciful direccion to ye sincerities of this poore distressed Church wch have appealed unto him.

My Lord: I forbear particularizing things here: onely this, God is graciously in distancing of many of ye Enemies designes (wch thereby have proved abortive) & delivering their counsels in a good measure into ye hands; & in watching out ye coon safetie there is much acknowledgmt due to ye indefatigable industry of m. gentl. Harrison yor faithfull servant & substitute in ye worke here. / Yor Lop will shortly hear of some mmbrs of godly people in a Regimentall form here in Lond. wch most assuredly will be followed by others of like good mynd in Norwch. Kent & other places wch have sent for Commns. to ye for ye purpose & ye Resolution is, they shall not want encouragemt. /

My Lord: I will trespass no further upon yor time. / The Lord of Hosts be wth you. ye God of Jacob be yor Refuge. /

Whytehall
30 Aug: 1650

Yr Humble & faithfull
Servant & Servants

Sr: Bradshawe

For his Excellcie
ye Ld. Generall
Cromwell

Speed:

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Rich.d Cromwell to his Brother the L.d Lieut.t of Ireland. 1658. (Lansd. M.S. 1236.)

Sr

It hath not bin a little trouble to me, that I have not written sooner to you; but I am not without a lawfull excuse, and that every ey is a witnesse to it: wch I know will have a good construction when I can more safely, & plainly relate to you. This is only to assure you in the meane time being resolved suddenly to send a ffson whome I dare rely upon with matters worthy yor knowledge, they making ~~my~~ a just reason why my pen hath not sooner visited you in answer to that large relation wch you made. I thanke you for yor sense of my affairs, they are very heavy, & ~~[illegible]~~ difficult, I can not tell you the plinders: ~~[illegible]~~ but you will understand it, & you will see a strange Colony such as will dazell yor eyes. The ~~[illegible]~~ as to ~~[illegible]~~ what you have desired ~~[illegible]~~ concerning yor journey must not be committed to paper, we shall send a very substantiall ffson for integrity, who will be fully informed. Yor last letter for Monys I have tooken notice of, & am very sensible of those difficulties yor Souldiery are put to for want of Pay, it is ill in England, & Scotland, all being in very great Arrears, yet your forces mutine. Our Navys are much behinde these with other weighty considerations hath induced ~~us~~ us to call a Parliament. we intend to try yor skill for Ireland, it did usually send us ouer good, & there is as much necessity now as ever there was at any time, yet our hopes are only in God who is wise, & ordereth all things as he pleaseth. ~~[illegible]~~ I desire you to continue yor affection

Whitehall
9br 30.th
58.

Sr Monsr for me, we shall be assured by ffavour of your messenger send hence shall be ever mindfull of this, but then hath taken not an occasion viz. the dying intelligence of his mother wch hath a little that sir, but it will not be long

Richard

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Lord Clarendon to Sir R. Atkins.—1666. Add. MS 9828 fol. 15.

Sr

Though I presume when you come to Bristoll (which I have will be on Wednesday next) you will receive a letter from the King directed to you and to the Mayor, yett I promised his Matt to write to you as soone as I came hither, to recommend very earnestly to your care, the examination of the disorders there, that his Matt may be well informed who the faulte is, and so apply remedy accordingly: The truth is, it is a very sad thing, that from so ridiculous a contrived scheme women for years, there should such furious animosities arise, at threaten the very ruine of the citty, whilst from those emulations, the malicious and seditious people take so much heart that by all the information we receive, there is a greater disposition in them who sight a generall disturbance, upon the fourth inc about Bristoll, then in any parte of the kingdome, London excepted and I know for it a resolution now sitting there, & sending the orders to the neighbour, I hope some of them are by this time taken by the care of Sr. Jo. Knight, to whome I sent some directions from Salisbury to that purpose: I pray do not suffer any routinario to change the old course of electing the Mayor for the next year, out of any other ranke then the Aldermen; this being now some disgrace I have to those a Common-council-man: it all be true that we heare of Sr. Tho. Earle, he doth not deserve the favour he hath received from the King, I pray God he is attending at Salisbury: When you return home I shall be glad to see you heare, that we may resolve upon some way to reforme the greate disorder in the Forest: I wish you all happinesse, and am

Your affectionate Servt.

Clarendon C

Gorhbury this
10. of Sept.

Sr Robt Atkins.

For my good friende Sr
Robert Atkins Knt. of the Bath
& Sollicitor Generall to the
Queene's Matt.

At Sayerton.

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William Howard Viscount Stafford to the Countess of Arundel

[illegible] in the possession of Henry Howard Esq. at Corby Castle

Madam

I beseech God preserve you, & make you happy. I pray tell yor Lord know, that I do count my selfe very much obliged unto him, & wish him as well as may be. I pray tell him knew that I have the sword that was our great Ancestors att the Battle of Flodden Field, wch we have a Tradition in our Family, he slew the King of Scotland, he serve[illegible] all his most [illegible] of my Father, [illegible] I shall be [illegible] [illegible] for want of [illegible] my Lord [illegible] for want of his [illegible] to [illegible] God bless you all, I am near my death, God witt that will averre my innocency that am

Yo^r Lap^s faithfull humble Servt and Kinsman William Howard.

For my Lady

The Countesse of Arundell

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Lord Arlington to the Duke of York 1673. - (Lansd: MS. 1236. fol. 142.)

Whitehall. May. 20. 73.
Tuesday at night

In my last to y^r H. I gave you an account of ye Iodine I had from his Ma^ty upon leave for a few days into the Country from whence I come this morning and read at lodg ye first moment of throwing my correspondence upon ye table though I have nothing to tell you but ye satisfaction I finde his Ma^ty had in ye sight of the fleet. I finde also a rumour of ye Dutch fleet being come into ye downs which tho' my grounds I finde presently contradicted from

from yt packet boat at Hamburgh
wch had been amongst the
Hamburgers wch occasioned yt
mistake. wch this yt H. will
receive yt extracts of yr letters
from Mr Monck and London
I pray to God yt H. at yt
hearing of yr coming could put us
into a way of sending speedily
and frequently after you wch
would be a great satisfaction
on both sides. God give yt
H. good success.

Arlington

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George Villiers. 2nd D. of Buckingham to Lord Rochester. 1677. Harl: MS. 7003. Fol. 274.

My Lorde

As persons inclined to corroborate the intentions of other men, are ever more incumbent to a voluminous ubiquity, then any way condecending to the notions of a iust medium; so all true lovers of art, doe naturally prefer the simetry, of revolutions, before the corruscation of any concatinations whatsoever. and the reason of this is plaine because else all vowll determinations would bee frustrated, and then (as Aristotle observes very well) noe man could propperly say consummatum est. The meaning of this simile is,

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that if your Lordship will give
me leave, I shall imediatly
wayte upon you, with the best
pack of Hounds that ever ran
upon English ground. I had done
it sooner but that I stayed for
my Lord Dorsets and my Sherplands
company. but they having both
failed me, and not knowing how
long your occasions will give you
leave to stay in the Country
I thought fitt to know of your
Lordship by this bearer whither
it would not bee inconvenient
to you at this time to receive a visit
from My Lord

Your Lordships
most humble and most
obedient servant
BUCKINGHAM

Clifton
October 8.
1677.

For The Earle
of Rochester.

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John Leslie, Duke of Rothes to.....

(Coll: J. French Esq: Windsor.)

Oct: the 6

honorid Sir

I hop you will pardon me to say nevis I will, but to leave you to Lindesdards Letir Sins it has bein bothe our practises ever so to du, and I being now going to the Articles has left him at hoam to read and I know hie will give you a ffull and perffect acompt of all affaires, I shall intreat the Berr may not stay manie days for hie is to returne with me, I hop you will representt to his majestie how the Chancelor never durst adventur to dispathe packets in the taym of the Earle of Middeltouns compson and that now hie dufur so much as thinks it fit for him to aquant

your most humbell
Servant Rothes

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The 22 of Jan: (1684)

Sr

I receiued your papers that are unanswerable in Equall Times, and all the Bemifitt wee cam reape by them are the will remaine uppon record, westminster Hale is so sett, as Litle quarter is to bee expected to Otes, or my selfe who are both uppon the Tappij, if any new thing accurr to you, you will pleas to Communicate to mee by the 28 of this month, what you haue sayd is both so ingenious and learned as would be enough to Answer mr Holt, mr Willams maiks the Argument who by the naij, they doe demurr to his plea whether to bee argued this terme I knoe not the forms/.

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I beeing a Verry weake brother I apply my selfe to the strong, the lawes and to truthe, if poperiy and frans prevaile I will not bee found amonkst them

God bles the King and this Gouerment by law establisht and Auert his Judgments

I am with all Sincerety Sr

Your most humble
Most faithfull seruant

Macclesfield

To Sr Robert Atkins Knt
of the Bathe at the Lower
Swell near Ston on the
Wolde: Glostershire

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James Butler 1st Duke of Ormond to ..... 1684.
(Coll: J French Esq, Windsor.)

Dub 3d Dec: 84

When it has heretofore pleased ye King to give mee successors in this Government I have endeavoured to let them see the respect I bore to y his Ma:ties choyce & as far as they gave mee leave conspired with them & gave them all ye light I could of persons & things relating to ye Kings service here, & sure your Lp may well expect all that at least at my hands, but ye plaine truth is I have been so long suffered to mistake what was or was not for ye Kings service, or what Lex thought was or was not so that I wonder how ye imperthinence of ye things I will propose & pressed was so long borne with & I confesse I am at this time more confounded in my notions then ever I was, not from ye reports wee have of almost a totall change in all ye changeable parties of ye Government of this Kingdom but from what ye King himself was pleased to intimate to mee to ye same purpose for wch alteration, I must say let ye consequence of saying it bee what it will to mee there rather is nor can be any necessity or good reason at this time, & this upon inquiry into particulars might manifestly appeare, & therefore for ye honour of ye Kings Justice & for his service I hope that intention will at least bee againe ~~bee~~ considered before it bee put in execution, I take ye liberty to intreat ye Kings Justice in this

case not but that I know his Ma:tie may justly
change his servants & give no reason for
it, but if he gives any that reason should
be well grounded, especially if it be such
as fixes a mark of incapacity or infidelity.
if I were not out of ye case by ye declaration
hath his Ma:tie has made in ye secret ways
Chamber, & to my self so much in my favour
& to my advantage I should not say thus
much, but by ye darkenesse I am in of what
is really intended yr Lo:p sees how incapa-
ble I am of communicating any usefull
thoughts of mine to you to w:ch yr Lo:p in
vites mee in yrs of ye 20:th of ye last
Month,
As to my private concerns ye most difficult
part will bee how to dispose of your
Daughter & my Grandson, I am satisfied
that ye fitest place for him to live in will
bee in this Kingdom where if he pleases he
may imploy himself in looking to ye Com-
and yr Lo:p reward him & in acquainting
himself with my fortune & with People
he must have use of, In England I feare
he will not bestow his time so well, & so
deale freely with yr Lo:p I desire to spend
ye few yeares I have to live or rather
ye little time I am to bee in this world with as
little possibility of disquiet or constraint
as I can, I will contribute what I can to
their living at ease, but am resolved if
I can to doe so my self, I doubt I must
beg ye King to appoint to whom to deliver ye
sword before yr Lo:p comes because there must
be some time to fit this place for you & I know not
where to bee ye while, yr Lo:ps most faithfull humble
servant Ormond.

Duke of Monmouth to the Queen Dowager. 1685.. (Lansd: 1236 fol 222.)

Madam

from Ringwood the 9th of July 85

Being in this unfortunate Condition and having non left but your Maty that I think may have some compassion of me and that for the last King's sake makes me take this boldnes to beg of you to intercede for me I would not desire your Maty to doe it if I wear not from the bottom of my hart convinced how I have bine disseaued in to it, and how angry God almighty is with me for it, but I hope Madam your intercession will give me life to repent of it and to shew the King how realy and truly I will serue him hear after. and I hope Madam your Maty will be convinced, that the life you save shall euer be devoted to your service, for I have bine and euer shall be your Maty Most dutifull and obedient servant. MONMOUTH

To The Queen Dowager.

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Lord Halifax to the Lord Chief Baron.—1689.—Wilmot M.S. Fol. 17.

London, Aug. 29.
89.

I have not failed, my Ld, to lay your services in this circuit before the King in such a manner as to do you right, and not without putting him in mind of what you have done formerly upon other occasions, of which I am a witness and am ready at all times to give evidence in your behalfe. His Maty seemed to bee so well satisfied with you that I did not think fit to pursue the ~~direction~~ or give mee in the latter part of your letter,

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and must therefore appeal from your first resolution to your second thoughts, before I do any thing in it, not believing it to be for your service, and supposing that occasions may come of taking away the dissatisfactions you may lye under at present, in which you may be sure I shall endeavour to do my part in the mean time, I hope your next will tell me your opinion is altered in this particular, but not in believing me,

my Ld,

Your faithfull humble servant. Halifax

For the Ld Chiefe Baron at Lower Swell near Stow in Gloucestershire.

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Lord (Keeper) Somers to * * * * 1693 Wilmot MS. Fol. 26.

19. Aug. 93.

My Lord

The Queen has received Information of very insolent & seditious behavior of several persons at Bath & she thinks it of great consequence that some of them should be made Examples. She has, to that End, directed mee to recomend it in a very particular manner to yor Lp & to Mr Justice Lokeby, not doubting but the utmost care will be taken to put a stop to such bold Affronts to the Governm^t. To ye intent y^t yor Lp might see the necessity of taking some imediate & effectual course I have sent an Extract of the account wch Mr Secretary Trenchard has had of one days behavio^r. I have wrote this day to my Lord Lucas, who is now at the Bath, & will be assisting to yor Lp in the prosecution of the Offenders, as yor Lp shall think fit to Desire. I am with very great respect My Lord yor Lp

most faithfull humble Servt

J Somers.

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Earl of Sunderland to the Duke of Newcastle, 1708. (Lansd. M.S. 1236.)

London Oct. 26th 1708

My Lord.

I have the honour of yr Graces letter, & am heartily sorry yr Grs accident should have happend to occasion a delay in yr coming to town, for indeed it is of the last Consequence to have all our friends together at this juncture & I am sure there's none whose Presence is of so much Consequence & weight as yr Graces; so that you will give us leave to depend upon yr hastening all you can; I am now desird by those Lords yr Grs servants that I mentiond in my last to beg you would either speak or send to Mr Jessop

about this matter of the Speaker to engage him, for Mr. Peter King & that he would take what pains he can among the Northern Members, among whom he has a generall acquaintance, besides the weight in using yr. name. They beg for that you would write upon this occasion to Mr. Monckton & Mr. Peyton. ~~because~~ I Beg a thousand pardons for this trouble & am ever with great truth & respect

My Lord

Your Graces

I have obeyd yr. Commands to D. Halifax & Mr. James Montague, who present their humble service & are truely sensible how much they owe, to yr. kindness in this affair

most obedient humble servant

Sunderland

St Germain a 29 Dec
1710.

Mon Cousin. j'ay reçu ce matin vostre lettre du 12. ou vous me rendes bien justice de croire que les nouvelles d'espagne me feroient plaisir, car Il m'en ont fait un très sensible, par rapport aux deux Roys dont les Interests me sont autant a cœur que les miens propres; et outre cela en particulier, par rapport a la gloire que vous avez eüe, de remettre si subitement les affaires d'Espagne, qu'on croyoit presque perdues, avant vostre arrivée. je suis ravie que vous estes content du Comte Mahony, et d'apprendre que les autres Irlandois ont bien fait leur devoir; quoique j'ay la consolation de voir qu'ils le font bien par tout, je suis cependant persuadée, que la confiance qu'ils ont en vous, et de se voir sous vostre conduitte, n'y aura pas peu contribué dans ces derniers occasions: je suis très sensible des bontés que vous avez pour eux, et ce sy pendant, qu'ils ne s'en rendront jamais indignes. la Reine me charge de vous faire milles compliments, et de vous assurer que la part que vous avez eüe dans les derniers evenements luy a fait un sensible plaisir; Mr de Zuniga nous a rendu conte a l'une et a l'autre, de tout ce qui s'y est passé et Il me semble qu'on peut raisonnablement esperer, de voir bientost le Roy d'espagne en

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paisible possession de ses Royaumes, au moins je le souhaitte de tout mon cœur, et que vous ayes l'avantage d'achever vous mesme ce que vous avez mis en si bon train. Si je n'avois pas esté un peu incommodé ces jours passés, je vous aurois escrit plustost, car quoiqu'il y a longtemps que je ne vous ay veüe, je ne m'interesse pas moins dans tous ce qui vous regarde, n'y ne pourra jamais oublier l'amitié que vous m'avez toujours témoigné, soyez je vous prie bien persuadé de la mienne, et que je vous toujours

Votre affectionné Cousin

Jacques R.

Puisque vous m'avez escrit en ceremonie je vous ay repondüe de mesme; mais je vous prie de retrancher cela une autre fois, car je vous suis fort d'avoir quelquefois de vos nouvelles, et suis trop persuadé de vos sentiments a mon egard pour que les complements soient necessaires.

A Mon Cousin le
Duc de Vendosme.

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John Churchill 1st D of Marlborough to * * * * . 1711. (Lansd. MS. 1236.)

Octr. the 2. 1711

My Lord.

I received this morning the honour of Your Lordp. letter of the 11/22 Sept. and return You many thanks as well for Your obliging Congratulations on the reduction of Bouchain, as for Your good wishes of success to our future operations, which we might reasonably hope for, if all partys concerned were as hearty and sincere in their desires and endeavours to promote it, as You my Lord have already shewn Your self, but to my great mortefycation I have received a letter from Dr. Abemarle of munday last, together with a Resolution of the States, brought me just now by the Deputys, which I transmit to mr. Secretary, w. I have hitherto done what

has passd on this subject, & these last papers have quite destroyd the smale remains of hopes I had left of his Lordp prevailing upon the States to contribute their part towards the execution of a Project which I am stil persuad'd would prove the most effectual, and in al probability the only means of bringing France to reason. I can not tel what to attribute this extraordinary backwardness of the States too; unless it be some unaccountable fatality, they have not so much as keep the secrit, which Your Lordp seem'd to apprehend from the begining, however such knowledge as the Enemy have at last got of what they could not be able to prevent, has allarm'd them to such a degree, as might serve for a good argument to incourage us to go on with a design

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which I have so fully considerd and am so clearly convinced of the advantages which would result from it; that I pray Your Lordp will move Her Majty to recomend to the States, in such manner as she shall think fit, an affaire on which so much depends, and which has the approbation of all such as have the least knowledge of it, except our Enemys, it is what I know Your Lordsh weight so well before you would encourage me to proceed in it, that I likewise pray you will favour me with such advice, and other good offices, as may if possible still open the Eyes of the States to see their own good, and that Your application may have its due time to work upon them, I am taking measures to keep the Army in the field to the end of this month; this my Lr is an affaire of so much consequence, and as such my heart is so

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And of it, that I at this time forbear mentioning any other, and conclude this with assurance of my being with the most perfect truth.

My Lord

Your Lordships
most obedient
humble servant
Marlborough

You will observe my L. by L. Abermarle's letter the backwardness the States are in in sending up the forage for the Winter Magazine, that we may not be under the same inconveniences, I must entreate Your Lordship will enable Mr. Bridges to remit twenty or five and twenty thousand pounds for paying the advance on the forage contracts

Gilbert Burnet, Bishop of Salisbury, to ..... 171$\frac{4}{5}$. (Coll. J. French Esq., Windsor.)

Reverend Sir

London 29 Jany 171$\frac{4}{5}$

According to your directions I sent a Book to Mr Wyat who is your order will find it and when you have found the leisure to get through it I am in hope that your zeal for Truth and your goodness for my selfe will prevail over that modest aversion that you express to the censuring of what you may find amisse in it.
I do not deny that I thought a late Volume was written by some in Cambridge since some there as they had much less were very Capable of composing that work that was written with a great deal of gravity and decency I never think the worse of men for their different sentiments in such matters I am sure I am bound to think much the better of them for adhering firmly to the dictates of their Conscience when it is so much to their losse and when so sacred a thing as an Oath is in the Case I wish all who had the same persuasions had acted with the same strictness and tenderness. But I have such regard both for your selfe and your friends that as I am extream sorry that the Church has so long lost the service of such worthy men so I am very glad to have it in my power from what you are pleased to write to me to vindicate both you and them in that particular for I am with a true and high esteem

Reverend Sir your most obedient and most humble servant

Gil Sarum

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The stile of yr. La.ps Last thought — kinder than I deserve is not without some allay from yr. late conversations wth. those whom I should extreamly honour, if they would doe mee the right and you the justice never to come neare you when I am really as well w. yn. as I wish as you pretend I shall at least — obtaine that favour; in the meane time I will excercise my usuall talent of patience & submission. I would bee very glad to imploy my self in those affaires you have to bee done here, had I the least hopes of doing them to yr. satisfaction, — but despairing of that happiness prayseend yr. losin & my freiad to howre, & let her please you better, I know not who has perswaded you that you want five pounds to pay a servants wages, but next weeke Blancourt is going in to the West, att whose returne you may expect an Account of yr. intire revenue, wch. I will bee bound to say has hitherto, & shall (as long as I can gett bread without it) bee wholly imploy'd for the use of yr. self & those who depend on you, if I prouve an ill steward, att least you never had a better, wch. is some kind of satisfaction to

Your humble servant

RO Rochester

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William D of Cumberland to Genl Mordaunt - 1749. - (Coll: J. French Esqre. Windsor.)

Kensington July ye 4th 1749

My dear Generall I received yrs late last night, as the Duke of Montagu is not yet dead, or even some say recovering nothing can be said with regard to his succession yet I'll not fail to mention yr request to my King but can answer for nothing on that head as I dont know what promises his Majesty may have made you may be assured of the continuance of my friendship on this or any other occasion, your affectionate friend William

For
Major Generall Jr
John Mordaunt

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Thomas Holles Pelham, Duke of Newcastle, to Mr Sharpe, his Soliciter. 1756.
(Coll: J. French Esq:, Windsor.)

Newcastle House April 16th 1756.

Dear Sharpe

I have been in such a constant Hurry of Business this week, that I have not had time, to send for you, or even to return my Thanks for your continued Goodness & Friendship to me. The Duchess of Newcastle is quite in love with you. You know I have been to a great Expence I must beg you to settle one Affair with me, now upon the best Terms you can. That is to reduce the Debt by the immediate payment of the Rent, & that another part of the Mortgage in a convenient Time, as may reduce their Mortgage to a marketable Security or Claimers. The great point of all is, to get in the Accounts from Mr Pochelkowitz by the time the Duchess of Newcastle returns from Aix la Chapelle. To see the Balance on the Last Account, & whether it belongs to me, as the Duke has always

Mr Sharpe

opened the Road, & pay the money into
Mr Hoare. The only Doubt I had, was, whether
the Behaviour was to go to with the principal,
but the Attorney Genl. has always seemed clear
& positive in his opinion. I wish some
Means could be found out, to exchange the
Stoke Mortgage for the Tipton Estate, so
that my Lord Lincoln might be easy on
that account; for this Gentleman is the person
I should prefer with, & to whom I wish to vest
the Tipton Estate. I should have gone
both to Stoke, & to Sir Fedk. Frankland upon it.
I hope the Matter will no longer delay the Sale
of the Timber, & procuring Early Notices for it.
The Dutchess of Newcastle gives the Utmost Pain
Grief of great Remembrances immediately from
the Heraldic. Does Sotby do Pedigrees?
Every Business which hath been used for the place of Lord Lincoln
I am Dear Madam Sincerely & Gratefully Yours
Fitzherbert

Sir.W.Blackstone to * * * * * 1756.Wilmot M.S.Fol:42.

Sir

All Souls College. 2 Jan. 1756.

Enclosed is a Transcript of ye M. Charta, which I had ye Honour to shew You in Oxford at ye last Assizes, ye of which I then engaged to send You a Copy. This would have been done sooner, but that I could not procure an Amanuensis sufficiently skilled in ye Hand of the Times, ye therefore was obliged to wait, till I had Leisure to transcribe it myself. I believe this Copy is tolerably exact, except perhaps a few Variations in ye Orthography (as ae for e, &c) which, not being used to the Business, I could not easily avoid. The principal Variations of this Charter from that of 9 Hen. 3. usually printed in our Statute Books, when they are such as affect ye Sense, I have scored underneath ye noted them with a NB. in ye Margin. Others, which are mere Transpositions of ye Words or a Change of them for such are synonymous, I have taken no Notice of. Where any thing is redundant, omitted, or plainly erroneous, I have marked it in ye Margin with, Sic M.S. The Preamble ye Conclusion seem to be the most remarkable Parts, ye these (or somewhat like them) are to be found in Hemingford's Chronicle, printed among other Monkish Historians at Oxford, A.D. 1687. pag. 564. But ye Date there assigned to this Charter, viz. 9 Hen. 3. is manifestly erroneous, for Gualo ye Popes mentioned therein Legate, left England ~~beforehand~~ in Nov. 1210. 3 Hen. 3. So that this Charter was certainly made very early in K. Henry's Reign, i.e. within ye first two Years of it, for his Accession was 19 Oct. 1216. Probably ye Names of ye two Bishops; of York ye London, might fix the Time still more exactly.

Having some Room at ye End of ye Sheet I have added, from ye same Collection, two original Confirmations, under ye Great Seal, of the Charters; as well that de Foresta, as the Great Charter. And am, with great Respect,

Sir, Your most obliged ye obedt humble Servt

W. Blackstone.

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Lord Hardwicke to * * * * * 1763 (Wilmot MS. F. 30.)

Grosvenor Sq: Jan: 29th 23, 1763.

Dear Sir,

After you left the House of Lords to day, I was informed by a good hand of a matter, which I think you should be apprized of. It is that the Quotations in Mr Lockhart's Argument are not to be relied upon for exactness; words, & sometimes Sentences, being left out, which change the Sense. I did indeed observe it my self in the passage cited out of Craig de feudis, which is stated in the same manner in the appellant's printed Case, at the end of which is added, in the Book, Et Mater cum Writi Meriti transpe-rant. From hence it may be collected that he meant a Case, where the Father remained in Scotland, & the Child happened to be born in parts beyond the Seas by reason of the Mother's going abroad. — The same person assured me that the Decree of the Court of Session was by the unanimous opinion of all the Judges. I am, with great Esteem, Dear Sir,

your most obedient humble Servant Hardwicke.

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Lord Mansfield flatters himself, that upon reconsidering his last Note, Mr Fitzroy will see that it could not avoid alluding to that state of the Case, wch He has always relied upon, & that it starts no difficulty, but acquiesces in every alteration proposed, only says, that one of them is already complied with. For in fact He pays the Land Tax, wch is a matter of the shortest discussion, & never can create a difficulty. If Mr Fitzroy will order his own attorney, being apprized of what is past, to settle the draft, Lord Mansfield is sure there will be no difference whatsoever.

Bloomsbury 29 april 1773

For
The Honble
Mr Fitzroy
&c &c &c

Mansfield

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Sir.

Downing Street.
Jan: 31. 1774.

I am directed by the Lords of the Cabinet to apply to you, & the Lord Chief Justice de Grey upon a point of great importance & of some difficulty: The Attorney & Solicitor General differ in opinion with respect to some parts of the intended Charter of Justice for Bengal, our request is, that you would be so good as to meet my Lord Chief Justice upon this business, & favour us, as soon as it is convenient to you, with your opinion upon the Charter, & the amendments proposed by the Solicitor General. The Charter, & all the other papers relating to it

have been sent to, the Lord Chief Justice, who will communicate them to you. We are perfectly well acquainted by experience with the readiness which you always manifest to assist the King's servants, whenever the State of his Majesty's affairs oblige them to call upon you, I should make many apologies for the trouble I am giving you. At present I shall only say, that your advice upon this occasion will be a great service to the Public, & a very essential obligation to the Cabinet Council. I am, with the greatest esteem & respect,

Sir, your most faithful humble servant.

North

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Lord Thurlow to Sir E. Wilmot _ 1778 _ Wilmot M.S. Fol. 86.

Jan. 6. 1778.

Dear Sir Lardly

I should not have writ even this short note, to inform you, that Mr Wilmot is appointed; the thing is too slight: nor to make you any general compliments; they are not worth your reading: but I wish to make you understand, and be assured, that, if, while I hold this office, any occasion should present itself of doing an agreeable thing to your wishes, it will cast a ray of pleasure upon Power, which has no other charms for me. And the possibility of deriving such pleasure extends to a very small number of Persons indeed; so narrow have been my habits of intercourse with the world.

I am
most sincerely yours
Thurlow.

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Sir Ralph Abercromby to .....1788. (Coll: J. French Esq., Windsor.)

Sir,

It is probable in a Post or two you will receive accounts of the Death of Lord Macleod, his Physicians have no hopes of his Recovery. If this Event should take place, May I presume to beg of you to lay my Name before the Secy for the vacant Regiment. If there were any General officer or Colonel in his Majestys Service, who had given up as much as I did, in order to raise a Regiment, which was an effective one, and who is now so unprovided for as I am, I should not urge my Pretensions. I have now served considerably upwards of Twenty years, I have laid out a considerable part of a small fortune in the Service, and I have not at present Forty pounds a year more, than I had the Day I entered the Service. I have the Honor to be

Sir

Edinburgh Jan 9th 1800.

your most obedient
and humble Servt
Ra: Abercromby. Mj: Gen:

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Sir Wm. Jones to Sir E. Wilmot. 1789. Wilmot. M.S. Fol. 159.

Crishna-nagar:
20 Sept. 1789.

My dear Wilmot,

Every sentence in your letter gave me great pleasure; and particularly the pleasing and just account of your truly venerable father. Ld Jones, after the first pang for the loss of his, resigned herself with true piety to the will of God. She is very weak and always ill during the heats: I have been, ever since my recovery, as they call it, perfectly well, notwithstanding incessant writing seven hours a day for four or five months of the year, and unremitted application during the vacations to my vast and interesting study, a complete knowledge of India, which I can only attain in the country itself, and I do not mean to stay in the country longer than the last year of the 18th century. I rejoice that the king is well; but take no interest in the contests of your aristocratical factions. The time never was, when I would have enlisted under the banners of any faction, though I might have carried a pair of colours, if I had got them in either legion. My party is that of the whole people; and my principles, which the law taught me, are only to be changed by a change of existence. Moresby will soon visit England with a good fortune. I only wanted power, not inclination, to do the like. Farewell! & assure yourself that I am, my dear Wilmot, yours faithfully & affect.^e

W. Jones

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Crishna-nagar:
20 Septr. 1789.

My dear Wilmot,

Every sentence in your letter gave me great pleasure; and particularly the pleasing and just account of your truly venerable father. Lady Jones, after the first pang for the loss of her, resigned herself with true piety to the will of God. She is very weak and always ill during the heats: I have been, ever since my recovery, as they call it, perfectly well, notwithstanding incessant toil, seven hours a day for four or five months in the year, and unremitting application during the vacations to vast and interesting study, a complete knowledge of India, which I can only attain in the country itself, and I do not mean to stay in the country longer than the last year of the 18th century. I rejoice that the king is well; but take no interest in the contests of your aristocratical factions. The time never was, when I would have enlisted under the banners of any faction, though I might have carried them in fair colours, if I had not spurned them in either legion. My party is that of the whole people, and my principles, which the law taught me, are only to be changed by a change of existence. Moresby will soon visit England with a good fortune. I only wanted power, not inclination, to do justice to his merits. Farewell! & assure yourself that I am, my dear Wilmot, yours faithfully & affect.

W. Jones

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Paris 1 Sept. 1771.

If I had known, Madam, of your being at Paris, before I heard it from Colonel Blaquiere, I shoud certainly have prevented your flattering invitation, & have offered you any services that cond depend on my acquaintanke here. It is plain I am old, & live with very old folks, when I did not hear of your ~~arrival~~ arrival. However, Madam, I have not that fault at least of a Veteran, the thinking nothing equal to what they admired in their Youth. I do impartial justice to your merit, & fairly allow it not only equal to that of any Actress I have seen, but believe the present age will not be in the wrong, if they hereafter prefer it to those they may live to see.

Your allowing me to wait on you in London, Madam, will make me some amends for the loss I have had here; and I shall take an early opportunity of assuring you how much

I am Madam,
Yr most obliged
humble Servt
Horace Walpole

Madam

You may certainly always command me & my House. My common custom is to give a Ticket for only Four persons at a time, but it woud be very insolent in me, when all Laws are at a nought, to pretend to prescribe rules. At such times there is a shadow of authority in setting the laws aside by the Legislature itself — & tho I have no army to supply their place, I declare Mrs Abington may march thro all my Dominions at the head of as large a Troop as she pleases — I do not say, as she can muster & command, for then I am sure my House woud not hold them. The Day too is at her own choice, & the Master is

her very obedient
humble Servt
Hor. Walpole

Strawberry Hill
June 11. 1780.

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Edmund Burke to Sir E. Wilmot. 1795. (Wilmot MS.)

Dear Sir,

So far as I am acquainted with the Debate, which is very imperfectly, I agree with you in opinion about their spirit & tendency. The people, as you say, ought to be made to know their danger in its full extent; not only its nearness but its true nature. They ought not to be lulled into security. To debate the question of peace at all in our circumstances is not a good symptom — but to suffer it to be debated, as a thing within our choice, looks almost desperate. In one sense, to be sure, it is in our choice. We may have it, on the terms on which Holland, & the Austrian Netherlands, & the Counties on the lower Rhine enjoy it.

I am but a poor judge of official arrangements. I hear of them late, & irregularly, & so mixed with true & false reports, that I hardly know what to make of them. If the

Duke

Duke of York be at the head of the army, as you say he is, I am not at all sorry for it – provided he has good support & a good military council. I have a very high opinion of him; & his rank, & (if properly supported) will be of great use in keeping that great Machine in order. As to experience, he has more than enough. The world has been undone, by looking to experience, in a case to which no experience applies. He is as old a man, I believe, & has as much experience, as Pichegru. We want energy, we want enterprise, much more than we want Experience; for, if that could have saved Europe it was full of old Officers – In a case like ours I have no opinion at all of old men. If nothing can be done by the young; nothing can be done at all. Sincerely believe there is not, in the Government of France, or in the Command of its armies a man of above five & thirty.

I have the honour to be with the most sincere respect & esteem

Your ever

E Burke

Feb. 12. 1795. J Wilmot Esq.

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